The new legislation on organic farming
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1. Organic farming policy
Organic production

- 4% of EU agriculture area
- 1.2% of EU wine growing area

- Rapidly increasing market demand

- Imports from:
  - Third country list: ARG, AUS, NZ
  - Import authorisations: Chile, South-Africa, US, rarely Croatia, TR, Tunisia, Uruguay

- To: DE, FI, FR, BE

Organic wine growing area in hectare, ESTAT

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European Action Plan 2004

- Political concept aims to implement concrete measures (21 Actions)
- Focus on:
  - **Recognition of public goods**: environment, animal welfare, job creation in rural areas (RD programmes, research)
  - **Development of the market**, meet consumer concerns (promotion campaign, EU-Logo)
  - **Improvement of legislation**
2. Organic farming legislation
Existing Regulation 2092/91 is replaced by:

- Council Regulation 834/2007
- Commission Regulation 889/2008 for production, labelling and control
- Commission Regulation 1235/2008 for imports

From 1 January 2009
Logo: 1 July 2010
Council Regulation 834/2007

- Scope: aquaculture, seaweed, yeast
- Objectives and principles
- Flexibility – local production
- Labelling: > 95% organic – mandatory EU-logo, indication of origin
- Riskbased control (OFFC)
- Commission report to Council 2011

**relevant for wine:**
- Recital 7: processed food, including wine
- Article 19: production rules for processed food
- Article 21: criteria for substances in processing
- Article 38: new implementing rules
Commission Regulation 889/2008

- Detailed plant and animal production rules, labelling, control

- Processing (Article 26):
  - good manufacturing practices
  - critical processing steps
  - operations and storing separated by time or place

- Use of substances in processing (Article 27(1)):
  - reference to Annex VIII - food additives and processing aids
  - ….can be used, „with the exception of wine“
Labelling:

Vin issu de raisins cultivés en agriculture biologique
NIR for organic wine

- Amendment of Regulation 889/2008

- Indicative Timetable:
  - Exchange of information ................................ ongoing
  - Working document (with unit C.3)................. 5/2009
  - Discussion (SCOF, stakeholders) ............ until mid 09
  - ISC and draft regulation................................. 10/2009
  - To be adopted .............................................. before end 2009
Comitology

- Council Regulation Article 37:
  - Regulatory committee
  - Qualified majority amongst 27 Member States
  - Published in Official Journal
To do list:

- new IRs
  - Aquaculture
  - Wine (ORWINE Project)
- „Shopping list”
- Expert panel
- Promotion campaign
- New EU-Logo – public contest
Thank you for your attention!

Information: http://www.organic-farming.europa.eu