Exporting to Europe –

What will change under the revised EU Regulation?

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Impacts of the new regulation for traders and certification bodies

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Impacts for Traders

> no more import permits
  > bureaucracy
  > delays in issuing import permits
  > varying provisions in EU member states
  > work and costs

> easy check whether certification body is approved

> no risk whether products can be imported

> consideration of EU to take into account the advantages of electronic certification

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Open questions for trade

- in case of equivalency procedures original certificate has to accompany imports
- what documents are requested in case of compliant procedures („documentary evidence“)?
Next steps for traders

> checking validity of import permits (any authorization granted prior 31.12.06 will expire latest on 31.12.07)

> re-apply for import permits where necessary

> wait until list of approved inspection bodies is published

> import permits will expire latest 24 months after publication of list with „equivalent inspection bodies“
Certification Bodies

> potential for clear (?) procedures and requirements

> direct approval of certification bodies
  > no dependencies on EU-importers
  > lists of approved bodies are available for clients and traders (proof of qualification)
Questions for CB‘s

> Can foreign certification bodies be compliant with the EU-Regulation?

> What kind of „necessary information“ is requested – which accreditation bodies are accepted?

> Will the EU implement a list of equivalent certification bodies?

> What are the implementation procedures?
Implementing Rules – what is needed?

- needed prior approval of any inspection bodies
- specify procedures for application of CB’s
- implement continuous oversight system for all certification bodies
- specify criteria for accreditation bodies
  - Taking into account qualification and experience of accreditation bodies with EU Regulation 2092/91
  - Focusing on practice of inspection rather than documentary system
- provide a tool for assessing equivalency (see IFOAM/ITF activities)
- EU Commission needs to have sufficient capacities

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