Regulations and Certification
Emerging Trends 2018

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Special EU Guidelines for imports from Ukraine, Russia, Kazakhstan

Do you think the special guidelines are useful?
Organic Regulations by Continent (2017)

No of Countries with Organic Regulations: 2003 versus 2017
EU: New rules on organic production
Schedule for implementation

2014 – mid 2018

Basic Act
11/17 Council endorsement
Mid '18 final adoption

Mid 2018 – mid 2020

Elaboration
Implementation rules
Implementing Acts
Delegated acts
Production Control
Trade

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Implementation
Transition rules
Recognition of CB's (3 years)
Trade agreements (5 years)
EU: New rules on organic production
Major changes in import system – current system

Certified in a recognized 3’rd country

Certified by a recognized CB

Equivalalence

equivalence

EU market

North America

South America

Europe

Asia

Africa
EU: New rules on organic production

Major changes in import system – future

Trade agreements

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equivalence

compliance

Exemptions by delegated act (Organic Production) Committee

North America

South America

Asia

Africa

Australia
Trends in regulations
Flashlights from different countries

**United States:**
No progress with trade agreement with Mexico
Regulation on organic livestock and poultry practices (OLPP), published on January 2017 is proposed to be withdrawn

**United Kingdom:**
Elaboration of import scheme

**India:**
Food Safety and Standards (Organic Foods) Regulations:
National Program for Organic Production (NPOP) and PGS-India
Germany

Mandatory Organic Standards and Labels

In Germany, EU legislation on organic farming is fully implemented. Additionally, the national Organic Farming Act and the Regulation on the Approval of Control Bodies after the Organic Farming Act apply. They cover rules for the implementation of EU legislation in Germany. The national rules are not relevant for operators from outside Germany that want to export organic products to Germany.

The competent authority responsible for the implementation of EU and national organic legislation is the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture.

Pre-packed organic products sold in Germany have to be labelled with the EU organic farming logo. For products imported from third countries the use of the EU organic farming logo is optional. A mandatory national organic logo does not exist.

Basic Regulation on production and labelling of organic products


This basic regulation became effective on 1 January 2008 and describes the objectives, principles and most important rules on production. The basic regulation is complemented by the rules for implementation (see below). A consolidated version containing all amendments can be downloaded as well as the single legal acts (all corrections, amendments and additions). Updates are performed regularly and promptly.

Implementation Rules on organic production, labelling and control

Conclusions

America first policy
… protects big (poultry) producers
… lower focus on international trade issues

EU (first?) policy
… focus on (EU) consumer protection
… will take a couple of years for clarification and full implementation

Countries with less developed organic markets
… will only in few cases be able to negotiate trade agreements
… have to comply with different sets of standards in export markets
Thank you very much

Odesa Declaration
We stress that these additional measures are a burden for the serious organic producers, processors and businesses and wish that those supply chains are relieved, who comply...