

# The EU Import Regulation and reliability on organic imported products

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# EU Import legislation

- **Council Regulation 834/2007, Articles 32 - 33**
  - **Commission Regulation 1235/2008 on imports**
- + Guidelines on imports of organic products into the EU**



# EU Import system

**Equivalence**

**Compliance**

**Third Country list**

**Member State  
authorisations \*)**

**CB list for equivalence**

**CB list for compliance**



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\*) to be phased out



# Objectives of the EU legislation on imports

- **Simplification**
- **Harmonization**
- **Transparency**
- **Efficiency and effectiveness**
- **Less burdensome, more streamlined procedures**



# Inclusion of third countries and CBs

- **Careful examination by the Commission before listing:**
- **Assessment of the control system (technical dossier) - CBs: Assessment report by assessment body**
- **Assistance by MS experts**
- **Possible on-the-spot verifications**



# Management and Review of third country & CB list

- **After inclusion: Any change (e.g. specifications, control system,...) has to be notified to the Commission,**
- **Annual report to be transmitted to the Commission before 31 March each year, related in particular to the monitoring and supervisory activities // control activities,**
- **On the spot examinations are possible,**
- **The Commission may amend specifications, suspend the entry from the list and even withdraw a country or a control body from the list**



# Member State authorizations

**MS can on case-by-case basis issue import authorizations (for a consignment of organic products)**

**When first list of control bodies for equivalence is published, MS can still grant authorizations**

**MS authorizations end 31.12.2012**



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# Certificate of inspection

- Issued by a third country control authority or a control body
- => a tool for tracability?





# Use of the new EU-logo on imported products

- **Use is optional (Article 24 of 834/2007)**
- **Independent of import system applied**
- **Place of farming**
  - **Non-EU agriculture**
  - **Third country**
- **Code number of Control Body**
  - **Published on the EU website**
  - **Format AB-CDE-999**



**Thank you for your attention !**



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