

Invitation to the Joint CERTCOST – AFI Workshop

Dear Sir, dear Madam,

The EU is currently implementing the revised rules on the import regime. Beginning of 2011 the first list of certification bodies approved for their operations in Third Countries is expected to be published – this will be a major step for implementation of the new import regime and a good moment to evaluate the new system with the stakeholders.

We would therefore kindly invite for the joint CERTCOST-AFI Workshop

The revised EU Import Regime and practical approaches to prevent fraud

24./25.01.2011 in Brussels, University Foundation

The first day will focus on the evaluation of the new system taking up the major concerns of the sector: interpretation of "equivalency" and "compliance", harmonization of standards, procedures for control bodies and control authorities for approval by the EU and concerns regarding fair competition and access to the EU. Concerns and expectations, issues for clarification and further regulation will be discussed and the results, amongst others, be communicated to the Commission. We further expect a representative of the EU Commission to provide an update on the actual implementation of the new rules.

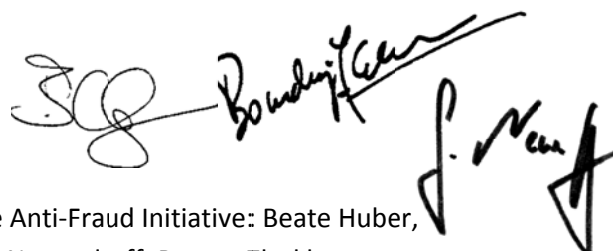
The second day covers presentations and discussions on scoring fraud sensitivity for new suppliers, a comparison of the control system/control efficiency within the EU and in Third Countries, best practices from an importing company and a certification body, approaches to assess risk orientation, an overview on the cost of certification and reports as well as reports about relevant residue cases in 2010.

The detailed agenda will be published soon at the websites of AFI – www.organic-integrity.org and CERTCOST - www.certcost.org. Participation at the workshop will be for free however registration latest until 10.01.2011 is required since the number of participants is restricted. After application you will receive a confirmation with further details. Hotel and travel arrangements have to be made and paid by the participants themselves. We have made a pre-reservation for rooms at the hotels nearby for a special rate.

Looking forward to meet you Brussels



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