

Evaluation of third countries certification bodies for EU-recognition: the example of an EA accreditation body

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Introduction to DAkkS

The German Accreditation Body DAkkS

- Regulation (EC) No. 765/2008 requires one accreditation body per EU member state
- Establishment of DAkkS GmbH in October, 2009
- Integration of other accreditation bodies in December, 2009
 - Shareholders:
 - 1/3 German Federal Republic
 - 1/3 German Federal States
 - 1/3 Federation of German Industries (BDI)

Organisation Chart of Deutsche Akkreditierungsstelle GmbH (DAkKS)



General Assembly

Supervisory Board

Advisory Board

Executive Board

Accreditation Committee

Staff unit

- Legal Advisor and Objection Body
- Committee Coordination and Reporting
- Controlling / Project Management
- Corporate Communications

Central Service

- Budget and Finances
- Information Technology
- Human Resources and Organisation
- Internal Services and Purchasing Offices

Central Customers Coordination

Quality Management

Division I
Construction | Transport |
Materials

- Departments:**
- Lifts
 - Construction Products
 - Construction
 - Portable Pressure Equipment
 - Fire Protection
 - Pressure Equipment
 - Simple Pressure Vessels
 - Renewable Energy
 - Areas with potentially explosive atmospheres and storage areas for flammable liquids
 - Driver's License
 - Vehicles and Vehicle Parts
 - Consumer Goods
 - Acoustics / Vibrations
 - Noise Emission
 - High- Speed Rail Systems
 - Marine Technology
 - Materials Testing
 - Measurement / Testing Technology
 - Petroleum / Automotive
 - Reference Material Producers
 - Proficiency Test Providers
 - Marine Equipment
 - Safety Engineering
 - Recreational Craft
 - Hot- Water Boilers
 - Anti Doping Laboratory (WADA)

Division II
Product and Installation Safety |
Telecommunication | EMC

- Departments:**
- Mechanical Engineering
 - Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC)
 - Explosives for Civil Use
 - Precision Engineering
 - Gas Appliances
 - Information Technology
 - Machinery Safety
 - Electrical Engineering
 - Low Voltage Equipment
 - Optics
 - Personal Protective Equipment
 - Products / Consumer Products
 - Pyrotechnic Articles
 - Toys
 - Telecommunications

Division III
Health | Forensics

- Departments:**
- Active Implantable Medical Devices
 - Medical Devices
 - Pharmaceuticals and Ingredients, Pharmacy
 - Forensic Medicine, Toxicology, Biology
 - Gene Diagnostics
 - Health Care
 - Hygiene
 - In-vitro-Diagnostic
 - Forensic Science
 - Laboratory Diagnostics
 - Occupational Medicine
 - Point of Care Tests (POCT)
 - Care
 - Reproductive Medicine
 - Veterinary medicine

Division IV
Consumer Protection | Agriculture |
Chemistry | Environment

- Departments:**
- Waste
 - Soil / Contaminated Soils
 - Chemical Products
 - Dangerous Goods
 - Consumer Health Protection incl. Food Safety
 - Immission Control
 - Food, Commodities and Animal Feed
 - Organic Farming
 - Pathology
 - Sampling of Environmental Area
 - Regional Certification Programs of food
 - Beef Labeling
 - Social and Sustainability Certification Standards
 - Drinking Water Monitoring
 - Water
 - Food Industry and Agriculture Certification Systems
 - Veterinary

Division V
Metrology

- Departments:**
- Chemical Quantities
 - Dimensional Quantities
 - Electrical Quantities
 - High Frequency and Radiation Quantities
 - Mechanical Quantities
 - Medical Quantities
 - Measuring Instruments (MID, NAWI)
 - Thermo- dynamic Quantities

Division VI
Certification of Management
Systems and Persons

- Departments:**
- Occupational Health and Safety Assessment Series (OHSAS)
 - Auditors
 - Training
 - Joining Technology / Non- Destructive Testing / Corrosion prevention
 - Health Care
 - Real Estate
 - Food
 - Aviation
 - Quality Management
 - Safety- Certificate-Contractors (SCC)
 - Safety/ IT
 - Environmental Management / Energy Management
 - Transport / Motor Vehicle Assessor

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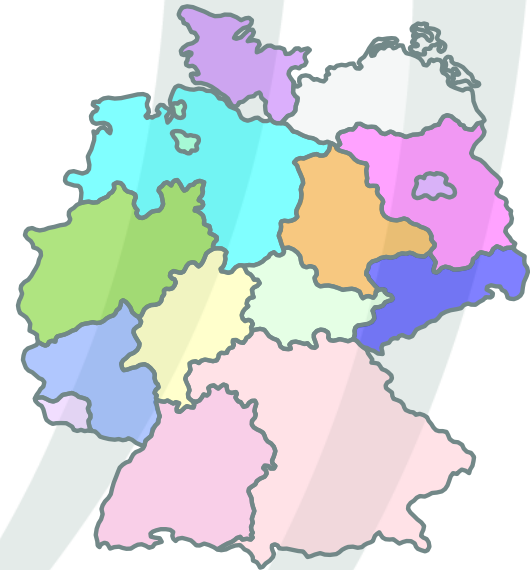
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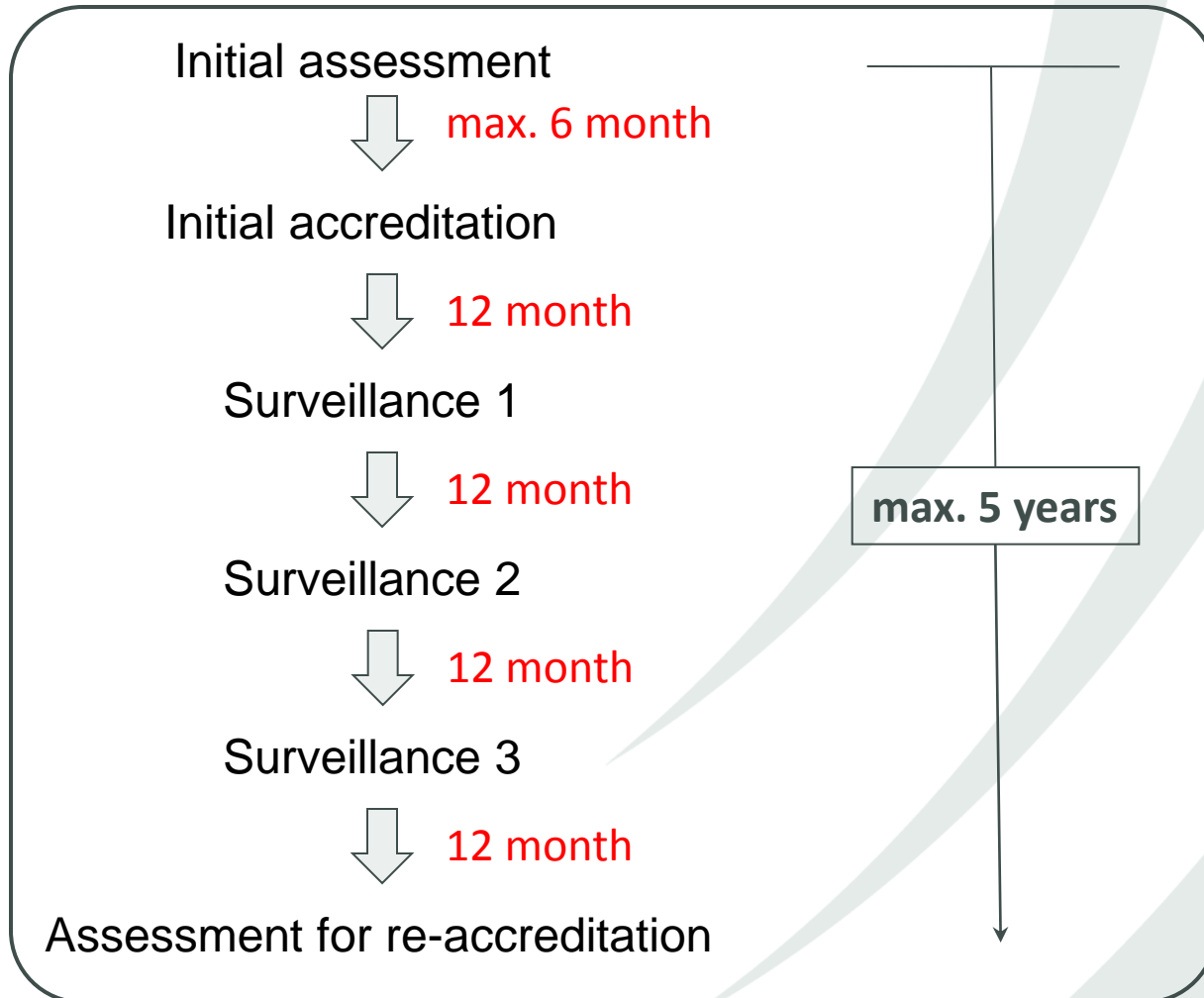
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Approach to the assessment of
certification bodies certifying
products with equivalent
guarantees in third countries
(Art. 33 (3) Reg. (EC) No. 834/2007)

Accreditation process (EN 45011)

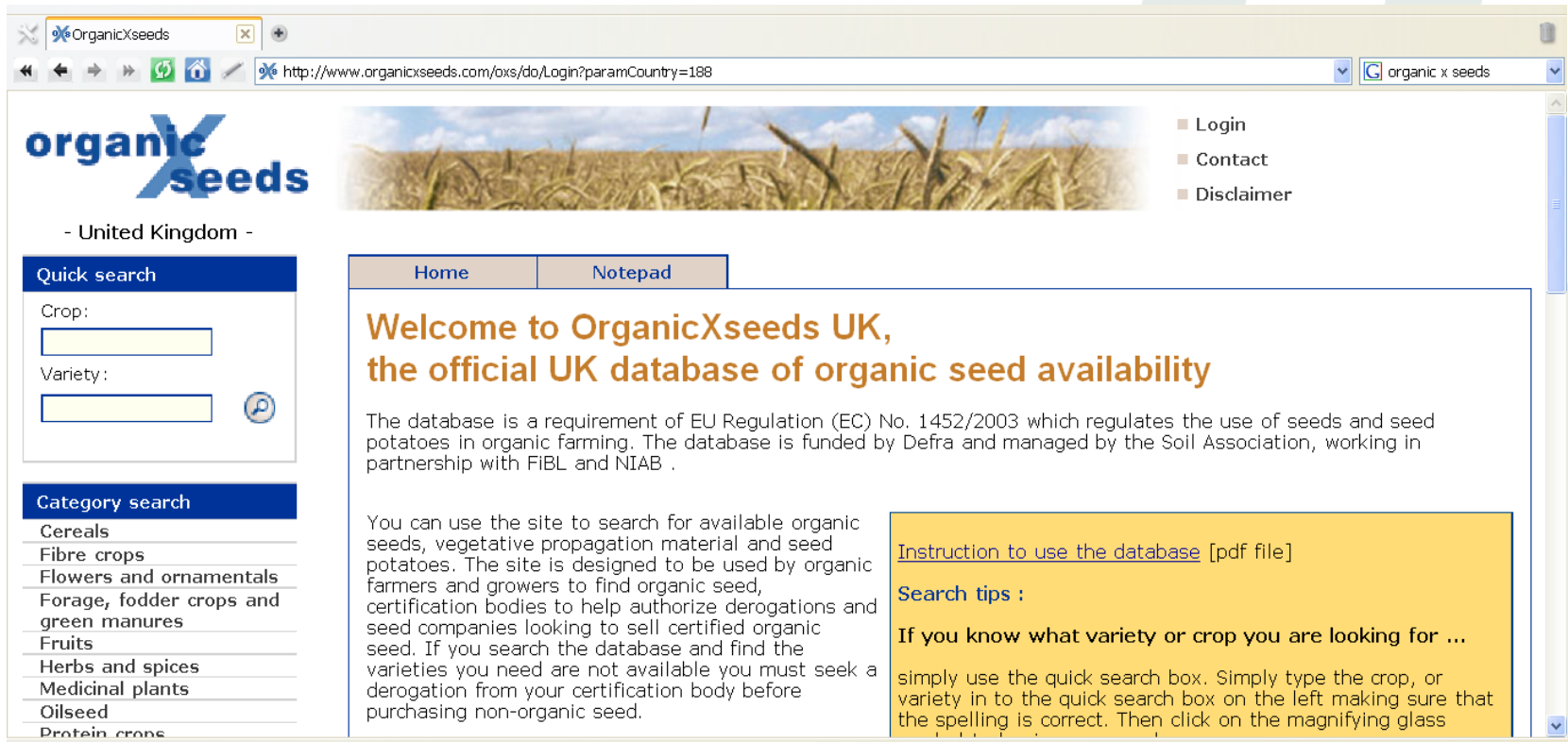


Equivalence assessment

Equivalency



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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <http://www.organicxseeds.com/oxs/do/Login?paramCountry=188>. The page features the OrganicXseeds logo, a navigation menu with 'Login', 'Contact', and 'Disclaimer', and a search interface. The main content area displays a welcome message and a detailed instruction on how to use the database.

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- United Kingdom -

Quick search

Crop:

Variety:

Category search

- Cereals
- Fibre crops
- Flowers and ornamentals
- Forage, fodder crops and green manures
- Fruits
- Herbs and spices
- Medicinal plants
- Oilseed
- Protein crops

**Welcome to OrganicXseeds UK,
the official UK database of organic seed availability**

The database is a requirement of EU Regulation (EC) No. 1452/2003 which regulates the use of seeds and seed potatoes in organic farming. The database is funded by Defra and managed by the Soil Association, working in partnership with FiBL and NIAB .

You can use the site to search for available organic seeds, vegetative propagation material and seed potatoes. The site is designed to be used by organic farmers and growers to find organic seed, certification bodies to help authorize derogations and seed companies looking to sell certified organic seed. If you search the database and find the varieties you need are not available you must seek a derogation from your certification body before purchasing non-organic seed.


[Instruction to use the database](#) [pdf file]

Search tips :

If you know what variety or crop you are looking for ...

simply use the quick search box. Simply type the crop, or variety in to the quick search box on the left making sure that the spelling is correct. Then click on the magnifying glass

C O D E X A L I M E N T A R I U S



Organically Produced Foods

Organic standards applied in third countries

- Simple, understandable, transparent and equivalent to the EU-legislation on Organic Farming
- Line by line comparison, Excel table
- First step: Internal judgement of deviations by the third countries CB
- Second step: Assessment of equivalence by a DAkkS technical assessor and decision on equivalence

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C916						COMPLIANCE			APPLICANT NORMATIVE CERTIFICATION DOCUMENT			EQUIVALENCE				
1	Regulations (EC) No. 834/2007 and Regulations (EC) No 889/2008					Yes	No	NA	Description of implementation in third countries or justification	Clause	English translation	Original Version	Yes	No	NA	Justification
2	Part	Ch	Art	no.	Item											
3	Original text															
193	II	1	6	(e)	mineral products referred to in Annex I, water and soil.											
194	III	2	14		Livestock production rules											
195	III	2	14	1	In addition to the general farm production rules laid down in Article 11, the following rules shall apply to livestock production:											
196	III	2	14	1	(a) with regard to the origin of the animals: (i) organic livestock shall be born and raised on organic holdings; (ii) for breeding purposes, non-organically raised animals may be brought on to a holding under specific conditions. Such animals and their products may be deemed organic after compliance with the conversion period referred to in Article 17(1)(c); (iii) animals existing on the holding at the beginning of the conversion period and their products may be deemed organic after compliance with the conversion period referred to in Article 17(1)(c);											
197	II	2	8		Origin of organic animals *											
198					Note for all articles marked with * : this article lays down specific rules for the following species: bovine including bubalus and bison, equidae, porcine, ovine, caprine, poultry (species as mentioned in Annex III) and bees.											
199	II	2	8	1	In the choice of breeds or strains, account shall be taken of the capacity of animals to adapt to local conditions, their vitality and their resistance to disease. In addition, breeds or strains of animals shall be selected to avoid specific diseases or health problems associated with some breeds or strains used in intensive production, such as porcine stress syndrome, PSE Syndrome (pale-soft-exudative), sudden death, spontaneous abortion and difficult births requiring caesarean operations. Preference is to be given to indigenous breeds and strains.											
200	II	2	8	2	For bees, preference shall be given to the use of <i>Apis mellifera</i> and their local ecotypes.											
201	II	2	9		Origin of non-organic animals *											
	II	2	9	1	In accordance with Article 14(1)(a)(ii) of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007, non-organic animals may be brought onto a holding for breeding purposes, provided that organic											

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Office audits

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Integration of specific EU information requests

- Structure including critical locations
- Sampling policy
- Unannounced and follow-up visits
- Information exchange with other certification bodies and authorities
- Handling of nonconformities and complaints etc.

Witness audits in third countries

Witness audits

Integration to the accreditation / surveillance process

- Representative operators in third countries

Reporting

Reporting

Use of

- Regular assessment reports
- Supplementary assessment reports

Outlook

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- An improved information flow between EU-Commission and accreditation bodies is required.
- The DAkkS accreditation and surveillance procedure for certification bodies certifying in third countries has changed already according to the new EU information requirements. Specific trainings for the technical assessors involved are offered.

Outlook

- The Federal Ministry for agriculture and consumer protection wants DAkkS to play an active role in the international co-operation between accreditation bodies to support an effective surveillance of certification bodies active in third countries.
- DAkkS is willing to co-operate with other accreditation bodies to draw up a code of good practice to ensure a harmonized approach.