

## The Declaration of Amsterdam

Maintaining credibility of the organic industry is a core value of the sector. To maintain the high credibility established, we need to fight fraud. We aim to protect the responsible operators as well as the consumers.

Therefore the underwriting parties have agreed to:

1. Work out a code of best practice for organic traders & processors for individual as well as collective responsibilities and actions;
2. Support the establishment and implementation of a code of best practice for organic certifying bodies;
3. Put pressure on all suppliers and certifying bodies to work according to these codes of best practice;
4. Influence authorities to take the necessary steps to utilize existing resources to support the goals of this declaration.

The signatories will unite their resources to build a system of transparency of exemplary good but also of fraudulent conducts, thus participating in the building of a system of continuous improving transparency of the organic industry.

Signatories:

*AgroBioConnection, Alfred L. Wolff Honey, Aoel, Ariza, Biotropic, Community Foods, Delhaize, Delphi Organic, Eosta, Ernst Rickertsen, Forrestrade, Georg Rösner, Good Food Foundation, Hain Celestial, Molens De Dobbeleers, Natudis, Odenwald Organic, Reudink, Royal Wessanen, Tradin Organic Agriculture, Tuchel & Sohn, VBP.*

Together estimated to represent 2.6 billion turnover in organic sales.

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