Application form for inclusion of a government regulation

in the IFOAM Family of Standards

Date of submission of this application:

Country:

**About the regulation(s):**

Name of the legal document laying down organic production requirements for the country in original language:

Name of the legal document laying down organic production requirements for the country in English:

Date of the first edition of the organic regulation:

Date of the last revision of the organic regulation:

Please list all other relevant documents in which organic production, processing and labeling rules are detailed or interpreted, or where guidance on the implementation of these rules is provided (please give names in original language and in English and mention the year of adoption of these documents):

*Please note that you have to provide an English version of these documents as you return this application form.*

Scope of the production rules (please tick all relevant scopes covered under your regulation):

[ ]  General organic management

[ ]  Crop production

[ ]  Wild collection

[ ]  Animal production

[ ]  Food processing and handling

[ ]  Beekeeping

[ ]  Aquaculture

[ ]  Social justice

[ ]  Cosmetics

[ ]  Textile processing

[ ]  Labeling

[ ]  Others (specify):

*Please note that cosmetic, aquaculture and textile processing are at the moment not included in the scope of the assessment for inclusion in the IFOAM Family of Standards.*

Please describe your standard setting process in the space below. Specify which stakeholders are consulted during the regulation revision process, how are the consultation organized and how are decisions taken to change the regulation:

Has your organic regulation already been officially recognized as compliant or equivalent to other organic regulations? If yes, please list those:

On which basis did you develop your regulation? Is it heavily based on one or several other standards (e.g. IFOAM Basic Standard, COROS, Codex Alimentarius, EU regulation, etc.)? If yes, explain which ones and why?

**About the competent authority in charge of the revision of the organic regulation:**

“Competent authority” refers here to the government office in charge of the revision of the organic regulation.

Name of the competent authority in original language:

Name of the competent authority in English:

Address of the competent authority:

Website:

Is the competent authority already an IFOAM member? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Contact person for this application and technical follow-up:

Name:

Function in the competent authority:

Email:

Phone:

Estimated total annual sales of certified organic products in the country (if available):

      Euros

Estimated total annual value of certified organic exports from the country (if available):

      Euros

Are you currently revising the organic regulation? If yes, please specify the scope of the revisions:

Has your country already recognized other organic regulations or standards as equivalent, within the context of its import regulation for organic products? If yes, which ones?

**In preparation of the equivalence assessment:**

The *Common Objectives and Requirements of Organic Standards (COROS)* is available on http://www.ifoam.org/about\_ifoam/standards/norms.html. Using this as a reference:

Have you already identified certain aspects on which you think that your regulation is “stricter” than the *Common Objectives and Requirements of Organic Standards* (= where your requirements go beyond the requirements in the *Common Objectives and Requirements of Organic Standards*)? If yes, please reference them here and explain:

Have you already identified certain aspects on which you think that your regulation is “lower” than the *Common Objectives and Requirements of Organic Standards* (= requirements are not as strict as the requirements in the *Common Objectives and Requirements of Organic Standards*? If yes, please reference them here and explain. You may provide justification for these variations based on the geographic or other conditions:

*Please not that in any case IFOAM will perform a detailed equivalence assessment of your regulation against the Common Objectives and Requirements of Organic Standards, and that you will be given an opportunity to justify or comment on the variations observed.*

Have you already done a self-assessment, or has someone already assessed your regulation against the COROS?      If yes, please attach this assessment (in excel version) to your application.

Any other information you would like to share in relation to the inclusion of your regulation in the IFOAM Family of Standards? If so, please write them here:

[ ]  We hereby included an up-to-date English/French/Spanish version of the regulation and all related documents, including all appendix, lists of allowed substances, interpretation or guidance manuals or any other document that should be taken into account in the process of assessing equivalence of the regulation against the *Common Objectives and Requirements of Organic Standards*.

Date: Name:

Function:

Signature:

*Please return this application form to:* *ogs@ifoam.org*

*This application form can be found online on* [*http://www.ifoam.org/ogs*](http://www.ifoam.org/ogs)