



Directory of
Certified Organic Operators

EASY TO USE
PROTECTED
SECURE
COST-EFFECTIVE
TIME-EFFICIENTLY



bioC at a glance

- ✓ One-stop-shop for organic operators, suppliers, and control bodies covering different legislative and private standards
- ✓ Improved traceability in the organic product chain
- ✓ Biggest directory of validated organic certificates worldwide
- ✓ No investment needed
- ✓ Protection against fraud
- ✓ Reduces bureaucracy
- ✓ Saves time and money

What bioC is for

bioC was developed by the organic sector for the organic sector. It is a worldwide active initiative of organic certification bodies, associations in the organic food sector, and service providers. The aim of bioC is to assure the origin of organic products within the value chain and to provide validated certification information about them. It is an efficient and secure way of verifying the certification status of suppliers and their products: the register only includes certificates validated by certification bodies as being authentic, so the appearance of fraudulent certificates in the system is impossible.

bioC is continuously growing by adding more countries and certification bodies to the register. bioC currently provides information on more than 80,000 certified operators online, counting for over 100,000 certificates. This includes information about national legal regulations in each country as well as private standards.

User Feedback

“ We have been using the full-services supplier check for two years now. This service not only saves an enormous amount of time, but also ensures that information on changes in the organic certification status of our suppliers and the relevant products are promptly at hand. In addition to the regular status report, bioC provides a compact summary of relevant questions and additional information. I would like to see bioC used across the entire organic sector.

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How **bioC** works

- ✓ **Benefits for national authorities**
Certification bodies provide their data via secure upload. Users' customized supplier lists are held under protected confidentiality.
 - ✓ **Interfaces to Certification Software**
Certification bodies can also provide their data directly to the **bioC** system via an interface connected to the certification software, e.g. Ecert or AgrarCertificationManager.
 - ✓ **Compliance with government regulations and private standards**
Government regulations and private standards can be covered, as well as the compliance of internal quality control and external accreditation requirements can be assured. In Austria, Great Britain and Ireland, **bioC** serves as the directory for organic operators.
 - ✓ **Conditions for control bodies**
Certification Bodies earn € 0.50 per operator and listing from 2019 onwards. The more it gets checked, the more dividends you receive.
 - ✓ **Cost for control bodies**
Initial implementation fee: € 500
Annual maintenance fee: € 350 + € 0.10 per certificate
- In case of data providing via an already connected technical system for free

Benefits of **bioC**

- ✓ **Search for organic certified operators**
Up-to-date information and verification of organic certification status of organic certified operators and suppliers.
- ✓ **Supplier list with notification service**
Up-to-date information about the current certification status of suppliers at any time and place saves time and money in daily operations. **bioC** provides a cumulative confirmation containing all relevant certification information which saves time and cost in the yearly inspection.
- ✓ **Full-Service supplier check**
The full-service offered by **bioC** monitors the certification status of your organic suppliers not yet contained in **bioC**. A verification service of their certification status is offered. Monthly or quarterly, an updated status report is issued as well as notifications are sent out if a supplier's certificate expires or is withdrawn.
- ✓ **Costs for Full-Service supplier check**
€ 2 per company on the list and year - list up to first 5 suppliers for free.
- ✓ **Interfaces to ERP System**
Clients can use the **bioC** services directly in their ERP-system.
Costs: such as full-service supplier check

Further information & contact

Please find more detailed information on www.bioC.info or contact us directly.



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