



Europäische Kommission
Landwirtschaft und ländliche Entwicklung



EU Regulation for organic aquaculture

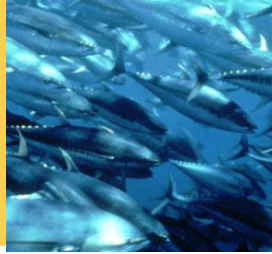
Biofach: Biofishforum

Maria Fladl, Nürnberg, 19. February 2010



Why rules for organic aquaculture?

- Sustainable Aquaculture Strategy Communication 2002
- European Action 2004:
 - Action 10: completion of EU organic standards



How are the new aquaculture rules constructed?

- New organic farming legislation since 1. January 2009
- Legal basis - Council Regulation 834/2007
- New Regulation on aquaculture embedded in Commission Regulation 889/2008



How was the decision making done?

- Joint process DG Mare (technical input - working paper) and DG Agri (procedure)
- Expert groups (2007 and 2008)
- Expert panel for feed and cleaning/disinfection material (2008)
- Advisory group – stakeholders (2x)
- Regulatory Committee (SCOF)
 - Discussion (4x)
 - Positive opinion in June 2009
- Adoption by Commission
- Publication in Official Journal



Council Regulation 834/2007

- Scope - new fields: aquaculture, seaweed, yeast
- Objectives and principles
- General production rules:
 - **Article 13 – seaweed**
 - **Article 15 – aquaculture**
 - **Article 16 – authorisation of certain substances**
- Labelling: > 95% organic – mandatory EU-logo, indication of origin
- Riskbased control (OFFC)
- Commission report to Council 2011



Council Regulation 834/2007

■ Objectives

- Respects nature's system
- High animal welfare and health
- High product quality

■ Principles

- Sustainable fisheries
maintaining biodiversity of natural aquatic ecosystem
- No GMOs
- Restricted external inputs
- Encouraging natural immunological defence
- Preventive measures (appropriate species, mechanical methods,..)
- Organic feed or from sustainable fisheries

- Processing: no substances which change true nature of product



Implementing rules

- R 889/2008:
 - Specific plant and animal production rules,
 - Detailed labelling, control rules

- R 710/2009:
 - Amendment to 889/2008
 - Detailed seaweed and aquaculture rules



Structure of Regulation 710/2009

1. Two new Chapters:
 - Specific production rules for seaweed
 - Specific production rules for aquaculture animals
2. Amendments of articles:
 - Handling, transport
 - Conversion
 - Specific control requirements
3. General:
 - Scope
 - Transition
4. Annexes: cleaning, species-specific provisions



Regulation 710/2009

- Specific production rules for seaweed
 - Article 6a - Aquatic medium
- Specific production rules for aquaculture animals
 - Origin
 - Husbandry
 - Breeding
 - Feed
 - Molluscs
 - Disease prevention



Regulation 710/2009

Article 95(11) - Transition for

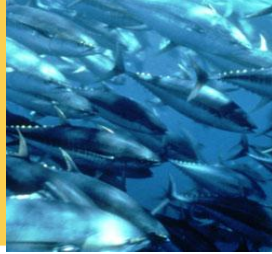
- Existing private/national organic aquaculture standards
- Phasing-in of EU rules until 1 July 2013
- Labelling:
 - “organic”
 - but no EU logo



New Organic Aquaculture Regulation

- **EU wide harmonized rules**
 - **Apply from 1 July 2010**
 - **Benefit from EU organic logo**
 - **Facilitate internal market**

- **International Codex: future – integration planned**



<http://www.organic-farming.eu>

