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Progress with the new EU import regime

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EU legislation : imports

- **Council Regulation 834/2007, Articles 32 - 33**
 - **Commission Regulation 1235/2008 on imports**
- + ***Guidelines on imports of organic products into the EU (15.12.2008 rev.1)***



Equivalence

Third Country list

**Member State
authorisations**

Imports

(before 1.1.2009)



Imports after 1.1.2009

Compliance

Control Body list
for compliance

Equivalence

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Member State
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List of Equivalent Third Countries

(Article 33.2 of 834/2007)

- 8 countries listed (Tunisia added in June 2009)
- 19 applications
- next country to be added : Japan
- will be probably followed by : Canada
- negotiations with the US
- recent progress on other countries (China, Turkey, Peru)

Equivalent Third Countries



Listed (8)

Switzerland
Israel
Australia
New Zealand
India
Argentina
Costa Rica
Tunisia

Applied (19)

| | | |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Turkey | Ecuador | Uruguay |
| | Peru | Bolivia |
| Canada | Dom. Rep. | Guatemala |
| USA | Honduras | Paraguay |
| China | Colombia | El Salvador |
| Thailand | Mexico | Chile |
| Japan | Nicaragua | |



List of control bodies for equivalence **(Article 33.3 of 834/2007)**

- Deadline for first round of requests : 31.10.2009**
- 72 requests received from control bodies and authorities both from and outside the EU**
- Evaluation by the Commission**
- First list to be published in 2010 or early 2011**
- Next rounds of requests : by 31.10 each year**



List of Control bodies for compliance (Article 32.2 of 834/2007)

- For products fully complying with EC Regulations
- Deadline for first round of requests :
31.10.2011
- Next rounds of requests : by 31.10 each year
- First list to be published in 2012 or early 2013



Member State authorizations

(Article 19 of 1235/2008)

- **MS can on case-by-case basis issue import authorizations (for a consignment of organic products)**
- **MS authorizations are phased out between 2011 and 2013**
- **When first list control bodies for equivalence is published, MS can still grant authorizations**
- **MS authorizations end 31.12.2012**



Use of the new EU-logo on imported products

- **Use is optional (Article 24 of 834/2007)**
- **Independent of import system applied**
- **Place of farming**
 - *Non-EU agriculture*
 - *Third country*
- **Code number of Control Body**
 - *Will be coordinated by European Commission*
 - *Format AB-CDE-999*



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