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# **EU Regulation : one year, what's next ?**

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## Role of the EU Regulation :

- To protect consumer (organic claim)
- To define objectives and principles
- To fix production, labelling and control rules



# New legislation

- As from 1 January 2009
- Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling and repealing (EEC) No 2092/91
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 production, labelling and control
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 – imports
- Adoption procedure: Regulatory committee **(SCOF)**



C.R 834

Scope, objectives, principles  
and general rules

Com R 889

Detailed  
Rules on  
Production

Detailed  
Rules on  
Labelling

Detailed  
Rules on  
Control

Detailed  
Rules on  
Imports

Com R 1235

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Guidelines



## *Regulation : what has changed ?*

- **Clarification of competences and legal structure**
- **End of national standards**
- **Controls with MS and under the OFFC umbrella**
- **Phasing-in of the new import regime**
- **Organic aquaculture rules**



## Year 2009....

- Went well !

However...



- MS need to maintain controls :
  - growing production and demand
  - detected irregularities
- Control Bodies must be accredited to EN 45011



## As from Year 2010....

### *Regulation : what will change ?*

- « Alignment » to Lisbon Treaty provisions
- Feed
- Organic wine
- First list of equivalent CBs
- New logo and labelling rules



## Alignment to Lisbon Treaty

- CAP now under the co-decision procedure
  - future proposals will involve Council AND Parliament as co-legislators
  
- Organic is part of the CAP
  - Distinction must be made between :
    - « delegated acts » = Art. 290 of TFEU
    - « implementing acts » Art. 291 of TFEU

Within existing Regulation 834/2007



## Feed

- Herbivores = 100 % organic since 2008
- Problems : exceptions, labelling, minerals...
- Monogastric animals =  
90 % in 2009 ; 95 % in 2010 ; 100 % as from 2011
- Adequate supply ? Feed additives ?

→ Need to initiate discussion



# 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





## Organic Wine

- Currently : organic grapes
- Need to define wine making
- SCOF working documents (2009)
- Key issues : sulphites...
- Target : harvest 2010





# Labelling

- Mandatory EU logo from 1 July 2010
- > 95% organic ingredients
- Code number of control body or authority
- Place of farming
- Possible labelling of ingredients



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## On the way to a new logo...

- EU logo compulsory but not exclusive
- Appealing, symbolic, no translations...
- Legal security
- Involvement of citizens



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## “Bio Logo” project

- Competition for the best EU organic logo among art and design students
- Intellectual property rights verification
- Internet vote open to all
- Inclusion in EU legislation
- Promotion of the new logo



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## The design that won the organic logo competition:





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## **New Annex XI of R.889/2008 :**

- Logo shape and size : 1/1.5 – 9 mm height
- Logo color and variations
- Transitions ~ 2 years
- Code numbers AB-CDE-999



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*Thank you for your attention,*



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