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Impact of EU policies for organic processing and trade

**Improve the requirements for additives
and flavourings in organic products**

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Organic processing vision - our objectives

- Our objectives are :
 - ✓ To keep the « **organic taste** »
 - ✓ To preserve specific characteristics of **organic processing** specificities versus the conventional sector
 - ✓ To respond to **consumer's** perception of organic products regarding *naturalness* and *authenticity* concepts
- In terms of Regulation's improvement :
 - ✓ To include within the organic regulation, the **progress** for organic processors to increase **consistency**

Authenticity and naturalness in the new Regulation: the organic way

- Principles for organic processing :
 - « *The exclusion of substances and processing methods that might be misleading regarding the **true nature** of the product* » [...] « *The **processing of food** with care, preferably with the use of biological, mechanical and physical methods* » (Art. 6 Point c and d of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007)
- Positive lists of additives and processing aids defined in Annex 8 of Regulation (EC) No 889/2008

Further steps:

- ✓ Further development on « authenticity » concept mentioned in Article 6 → more detailed **criteria for processing methods allowed in organic processing** to be defined in the near future.

Natural flavours: make and use it as organic according to the new Regulation

Natural flavours are mentioned in Article 27 of Reg. (EC) No 889/2008

Natural flavours can be considered as **agricultural origin ingredients**

- They can be **certified and labelled as 'organic'**
- Recipes can be improved in term of consistency by organic processors

Ingredients and additives: towards better 'organic' consistency...

- An **extended scope** of the EU organic Regulation: organic wine, yeast and aquaculture products
 - Additives identified as **agricultural origin ingredients** in Annex 8 Part A (*Annatto, Bixin, Norbixin, Tocopherol-rich Extract, Locust bean gum, Guar gum, Arabic gum, pectin*)
- It allows to certify additives as organic

Further steps:

- ✓ Revision of Annex 8 and Annex 9 regarding organic processing principles and current organic raw material availability
- ✓ Extended and further identification of additives and processing aids from agricultural origin in Annex 8