

Dossier on the new Organic Regulation launched at BioFach

Nuremberg, 19/02/2009 – IFOAM EU Group (1) launched today its Dossier on the new Organic Regulation during the annual organic trade fair in Nuremberg. The Dossier was published by the IFOAM EU Group as a very first stakeholder attempt to give a serious assessment of the regulation and its implications for the organic sector in Europe.

The Dossier was launched under the auspices of the Czech Ministry of Agriculture by the Czech Agricultural Minister Petr Gandalovic, the EU Agriculture Commissioner Mariann Fischer Boel and the President of IFOAM EU Group Francis Blake.

Mr Gandalovic, who opened the event, noted that “the Dossier makes this regulation a lot more readable, more comprehensible”.

Commissioner Boel thanked IFOAM EU Group for the “extraordinarily hard and dedicated work” in contributing to the discussion over the new EU law for organic food and farming (Regulation (EC) no 834/2007), which has just entered into force on 1st of January.

“The Dossier is a combination of a lot of work from a lot of people; we hope that it will be a useful reference helping the sector to understand the new conditions they have to operate with”, said the President of IFOAM EU Group Francis Blake.

The Dossier is already published in English and German and available free of charge (2). It will be published in at least four more languages in the coming months (FR, CZ, GR, PL). It offers expert views on legal, production and processing, import and fair trade, control and certification aspects of the new regulation as well as introduction into the new areas that have now been brought into the regulation (organic aquaculture, yeast and soon to come – rules for organic wine and catering).

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1) The IFOAM EU Group represents the 334 member organisations of IFOAM (International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements) in the EU, the EU accession countries and EFTA. Member organisations include: consumer, farmer and processor associations; research, education and advisory organisations; certification bodies and commercial organic companies.



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