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Our letters of

14th of September 2009 (Crucial topics - processed organic food)

12th of November 2009 (Labelling of origin)

Dear Jean-François Hulot,

Last autumn, the IFOAM EU Group addressed you in the above mentioned letters on labelling of origin and the issue of the revision of Annex VIII and Annex IX of Regulation (EC) No 889/2008.

The IFOAM EU Group kindly asks you to reply to our proposals.

We recognise that during the finalisation of the implementing rules on the new EU Organic Logo it was not possible to take into account our proposals on labelling of origin. However, it is not clear to us how the further procedure on the revision of the technical annexes for processing is planned. As mentioned in our letter of September 2009, there are urgent topics of great concern to the organic processors.

Therefore we ask you to inform us whether there is a concrete plan for the revision of the technical requirements for organic processing. And if so, what are the procedures and the timeline foreseen?

The IFOAM EU Group is willing to contribute as much as is possible to this process and therefore we would be grateful to be informed what kind of information you would need and when you would need it.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Marco Schlueter'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marco Schlueter