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Surveillance for Compliance and/or Equivalence against Council Regulation (EEC) 2092/91 or (EC) 834/20071

The listed certification bodies are under the surveillance of the International Organic Accreditation Service under its programme for assessment of compliance and/or equivalence against the requirements set down in:

- Council Regulation (EC) 834/2007 of 28 June 2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products (and associated implementing rules)2

Under Article 32(2) of this regulation, the European Commission may 'recognise the control authorities and control bodies..... which are competent to carry out controls'. In order to be so-recognised the control bodies 'shall be accredited to the most recently notified version, by a publication in the C series of the Official Journal of the European Union, of European Standard EN 45011 or ISO/IEC Guide 65'

Under Article 33(3) of this regulation, certification (control) bodies have the option to 'undergo regular on-the-spot evaluation, surveillance and multiannual re-assessment of their activities by an accreditation body' in order to be recognised to be 'competent to carry out controls and issue certificates in third countries'. Under this option the certification body may be applying for ISO/IEC 65 accreditation or may be assessed for equivalence.

The certification bodies listed here have applied to the IOAS to perform either or both of these tasks. The list indicates whether the named certification body is under surveillance for compliance or equivalence and also whether a report has been issued. Under the equivalence option, the basis for meeting the requirements of ISO/IEC Guide 65 is also indicated - equivalence, ISO Guide 65 accreditation by the IOAS, ISO Guide 65 accreditation by a third party.

Recognition of competence in this context is granted by the European Commission and not by the IOAS. Recognised certification bodies will be included in a list published by the Commission after the closing date for the initial list in October 2009. This list therefore serves only as a public declaration of those certification bodies under IOAS assessment or surveillance.

Council Regulation (EC) 834/2007 came into force on 1 January, 2009. For more details please visit www.ioas.org/euroeg.htm

- 1 Regulation (EC) 834/2007 replaces (EEC) 2092/91 from January 1, 2009. (EC) 834/2007 is published by the Council of the European Union and available at http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2007:189:0001:0023:EN:PDF
- 2 Detailed implementing rules have been published as Commission Regulation (EC) 889/2008 of 5 September 2008 which is available at http://eur-lex.europa.eu/JOIndex.do?year=2008&serie=L&textfield2=250&Submit=Search&submit=Search&ihmlang=en Detailed rules and a guidance document on imports are expected to be published shortly (October 2008)
- 3 ISO/IEC Guide 65: 1996(E) 'General requirements for bodies operating product certification systems' Also known under the European designation as EN45011. This guide is available from www.iso.org

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