

Council Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 of 24 June 1991 on
organic production of agricultural products and indications
referring thereto on agricultural products and foodstuffs (repealed)

Scope

- Article 1 (1) This Regulation shall apply to the following products,
where...
Article 2 For the purposes of this Regulation a product shall be...
Article 3 This Regulation shall apply without prejudice to other
Community provisions...

Definitions

- Article 4 For the purpose of this Regulation: 'labelling' shall mean any...

Labelling

- Article 5 (1) The labelling and advertising of a product specified in...

Rules of production

- Article 6 (1) The organic production method implies that for the
production...
Article 6a (1) For the purposes of this Article, 'seedlings'...
Article 7 (1) Products not authorised at the date of adoption of...

Inspection system

- Article 8 (1) Any operator who produces, prepares or imports from a...
Article 9 (1) Member States shall set up an inspection system operated...

Indication that products are covered by the inspection scheme

- Article 10 (1) The indication and/or the logo shown in Annex V...

General enforcement measures

- Article 10 a (1) Where a Member State finds irregularities or infringements
relating...

Imports from third countries

- Article 11 (1) Without prejudice to Article 5, products as specified in...

Free movement within the Community

- Article 12 Member States may not, on grounds relating to the method...

Administrative provisions and implementation

- Article 13 The following may be adopted in accordance with the
procedure...
Article 14 (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee.

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- Article 15 Before 1 July each year, Member States shall inform the...
 Article 15 a In respect of the measures set out in this Regulation,...
 Article 16 (1) This Regulation shall enter into force on the day...
 Signature

ANNEX I

PRINCIPLES OF ORGANIC PRODUCTION AT FARM LEVEL

- A. PLANT AND PLANT PRODUCTS
- 1.1. The principles laid down in Article 6(1)(a), (b) and (d)...
 - 1.2. However, the inspection authority or body may decide, in agreement...
 - 1.3. The inspection authority or body may, with the approval of...
 - 1.4. In the case of parcels which have already been converted...
 - 2.1. The fertility and the biological activity of the soil must...
 - 2.2. Other organic or mineral fertilisers, mentioned in Annex II, may,...
 - 2.3. For compost activation appropriate plant-based preparations or preparations of micro-organisms,...
 - 2.4. Appropriate preparations of micro-organisms, not genetically modified in the meaning...
 3. Pests, diseases and weeds shall be controlled by a combination...
 4. The collection of edible plants and parts thereof, growing naturally...
 5. For production of mushrooms, substrates may be used, if they...
 - 5.1. farmyard manure and animal excrements (including the products referred to...
 - 5.2. products of agricultural origin, other than those covered under point...
 - 5.3. peat not chemically treated;
 - 5.4. wood, not treated with chemical products after felling;
 - 5.5. mineral products of Annex II, Part A to Regulation (EEC)...
- Animals and animal products
- B. LIVESTOCK AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS FROM THE FOLLOWING SPECIES: BOVINE (INCLUDING...
1. General principles
 - 1.1. Livestock production forms an integral part of many agricultural holdings...
 - 1.2. Livestock production must contribute to the equilibrium of agricultural production...
 - 1.3. By utilising renewable natural resources (livestock manure, legumes and fodder...
 - 1.4. Organic stockfarming is a land-related activity. Except where authorised by...
 - 1.5. In organic stockfarming, all livestock on one and the same...
 - 1.6. However, livestock not reared in accordance with the provisions of...
 - 1.7. By derogation from this principle, livestock not reared in accordance...
 - 1.8. By way of a second derogation from this principle, animals...
 2. Conversion
 - 2.1. Conversion of land associated with organic livestock production
 - 2.1.1. Where a production unit is converted, the whole area of...

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- 2.1.2. By derogation from this principle, the conversion period may be...
 - 2.2. Conversion of livestock and livestock products
 - 2.2.1. If livestock products are to be sold as organic products,...
 - 2.2.2. By derogation from paragraph 2.2.1 and for the constitution of...
 - 2.3. Simultaneous conversion
 - 2.3.1. By derogation from paragraphs 2.2.1, 4.2 and 4.4 if there...
 3. Origin of the animals
 - 3.1. In the choice of breeds or strains, account must be...
 - 3.2. Livestock must come from production units which comply with the...
 - 3.3. By way of a first derogation, subject to the prior...
 - 3.4. By way of a second derogation, when a herd or...
 - 3.5. This derogation, which must be authorised beforehand by the inspection...
 - 3.6. By way of a third derogation, the renewal or reconstitution...
 - 3.7. In the case of pigs, pullets and poultry for meat...
 - 3.8. By way of a fourth derogation, subject to a maximum...
 - 3.9. The percentages laid down in the above derogation shall not...
 - 3.10. These percentages may be increased, up to 40 % following the...
 - 3.11. By way of a fifth derogation, males for breeding may...
 - 3.12. Where livestock comes from units not complying with the present...
 - 3.13. Where livestock is obtained from units not complying with this...
 - 3.14. The Commission will present a report by 31 December 2003 concerning...
 4. Feed
 - 4.1. Feed is intended to ensure quality production rather than maximising...
 - 4.2. Livestock must be fed on organically produced feedingstuffs.
 - 4.3. Furthermore, livestock must be reared in accordance with the rules...
 - 4.4. Up to 30 % of the feed formula of rations on...
 - 4.5. The feeding of young mammals must be based on natural...
 - 4.6. Where relevant, Member States shall designate areas or regions where...
 - 4.7. Rearing systems for herbivores are to be based on maximum...
 - 4.8. By way of a derogation from paragraph 4.2, for a...
 - 4.9. By derogation from paragraph 4.8. when forage production is lost...
 - 4.10.
 - 4.11. Roughage, fresh or dried fodder, or silage must be added...
 - 4.12. Only products listed in Annex II, Part D, sections 1.5 and 3.1 can...
 - 4.13. Conventional feed materials of agricultural origin can be used for...
 - 4.14. Feed materials from animal origin (whether conventional or organically produced)...
 - 4.15. No later than 24 August 2003 , Part C, sections 1, 2, 3...
 - 4.16. In order to satisfy nutritional requirements of livestock, only products...
 - 4.17. Only products listed in Annex II, part D, sections 1.3...
 - 4.18. Feedingstuffs, feed materials, compound feedingstuffs feed additives, processing aids for...
 5. Disease prevention and veterinary treatment
 - 5.1. Disease prevention in organic livestock production shall be based on...
 - 5.2. The principles set out above, should limit animal-health problems so...
 - 5.3. If, despite all of the above preventive measures, an animal...
 - 5.4. The use of veterinary medicinal products in organic farming shall...
 - 5.5. In addition to the above principles, the following rules shall...

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- 5.6. Whenever veterinary medicinal products are to be used the type...
- 5.7. The withdrawal period between the last administration of an allopathic...
- 5.8. With the exception of vaccinations, treatments for parasites and any...
6. Husbandry management practices, transport and identification of livestock products
 - 6.1. Husbandry practices
 - 6.1.1. In principle, the reproduction of organically reared livestock should be...
 - 6.1.2. Operations such as attaching elastic bands to the tails of...
 - 6.1.3. Physical castration is allowed in order to maintain the quality...
 - 6.1.4. Keeping livestock tethered is forbidden. Nevertheless, by derogation from this...
 - 6.1.5. By derogation from the provisions laid down in paragraph 6.1.4,...
 - 6.1.6. By a further derogation, cattle in small holdings can be...
 - 6.1.7. Before 31 December 2006 , the Commission will present a report...
 - 6.1.8. Where livestock are reared in groups, the size of the...
 - 6.1.9. For poultry, the minimum age at slaughter shall be:
 - 6.2. Transport
 - 6.2.1. Transport of livestock must be carried out so as to...
 - 6.2.2. During the period leading up to and at the time...
 - 6.3. Identification of livestock products
 - 6.3.1. Livestock and livestock products are to be identified at all...
7. Livestock manure
 - 7.1. The total amount of manure, as defined in Directive 91/676/EEC...
 - 7.2. To determine the appropriate density of livestock referred to above,...
 - 7.3. Member States shall communicate to the Commission and to the...
 - 7.4. Organic-production holdings may establish cooperation exclusively with other holdings and...
 - 7.5. Member States may establish lower limits than those specified in...
 - 7.6. Storage facilities for livestock manure must be of a capacity...
 - 7.7. To ensure sound fertiliser management, the capacity of such storage...
8. Free range areas and livestock housing
 - 8.1. General principles
 - 8.1.1. Housing conditions for livestock must meet the livestock's biological and...
 - 8.1.2. Free-range, open-air exercise areas, or open-air runs must, if necessary,...
 - 8.2. Stocking densities and the avoidance of over grazing
 - 8.2.1. Housing for livestock will not be mandatory in areas with...
 - 8.2.2. The stocking density in buildings shall provide for the comfort...
 - 8.2.3. The minimum surface areas for indoor housing and outdoor exercise...
 - 8.2.4. The outdoor stocking density of livestock kept on pasturage, other...
 - 8.2.5. Housing, pens, equipment and utensils must be properly cleaned and...
 - 8.3. Mammals
 - 8.3.1. Subject to the provisions in paragraph 5.3, all mammals must have...

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- 8.3.2. In cases where herbivores have access to pasturage during the...
- 8.3.3. Notwithstanding the last sentence of paragraph 8.3.1, bulls over one...
- 8.3.4. By way of derogation from paragraph 8.3.1, the final fattening...
- 8.3.5. Livestock housing must have smooth, but not slippery floors. At...
- 8.3.6. The housing must be provided with a comfortable, clean and...
- 8.3.7. As regards the rearing of calves, from 24 August 2000 ,...
- 8.3.8. As regards the rearing of pigs, from 24 August 2000 ,...
- 8.4. Poultry
 - 8.4.1. Poultry must be reared in open-range conditions and cannot be...
 - 8.4.2. Water fowl must have access to a stream, pond or...
 - 8.4.3. Buildings for all poultry must meet the following minimum conditions:...
 - 8.4.4. In the case of laying hens natural light may be...
 - 8.4.5. Poultry, must have access to an open-air run whenever the...
 - 8.4.6. For health reasons, buildings must be emptied of livestock between...
- 8.5. General derogation on the housing of livestock
 - 8.5.1. By way of derogation from the requirements set out in...
 - 8.5.2. The operators benefiting from this derogation shall present a plan...
 - 8.5.3. Before 31 December 2006 , the Commission shall present a report...

C. BEEKEEPING AND BEEKEEPING PRODUCTS

- 1. General principles
 - 1.1. Beekeeping is an important activity that contributes to the protection...
 - 1.2. The qualification of beekeeping products as being from organic production...
 - 1.3. When an operator runs several beekeeping units in the same...
- 2. Conversion period
 - 2.1. Beekeeping products can be sold with references to the organic...
- 3. Origin of the bees
 - 3.1. In the choice of breeds, account must be taken of...
 - 3.2. Apiaries must be constituted by means of the division of...
 - 3.3. By way of a first derogation, subject to the prior...
 - 3.4. By way of a second derogation, swarms on their own...
 - 3.5. By way of a third derogation, the reconstitution of the...
 - 3.6. By way of a fourth derogation, for the renovation of...
- 4. Siting of the apiaries
 - 4.1. The Member States may designate regions or areas where beekeeping...
 - 4.2. The siting of the apiaries must:
- 5. Feed
 - 5.1. At the end of the production season hives must be...
 - 5.2. The artificial feeding of colonies is authorised where the survival...
 - 5.3. By way of a first derogation from paragraph 5.2, the competent...
 - 5.4. By way of a second derogation, sugar syrup, sugar molasses...
 - 5.5. The following information shall be entered in the register of...
 - 5.6. Other products different from those indicated in paragraphs 5.1 to 5.4...

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- 5.7. Artificial feeding may be carried out only between the last...
- 6. Disease prevention and veterinary treatments
 - 6.1. Disease prevention in beekeeping shall be based on the following...
 - 6.2. If despite all the above preventive measures, the colonies become...
 - 6.3. The use of veterinary medicinal products in beekeeping which complies...
 - 6.4. In addition to the above principles, veterinary treatments or treatments...
 - 6.5. If a treatment is applied with chemically synthesised allopathic products,...
 - 6.6. The requirements laid down in the previous paragraph do not...
 - 6.7. Whenever veterinary medicinal products are to be used, the type...
- 7. Husbandry management practices and identification
 - 7.1. The destruction of bees in the combs as a method...
 - 7.2. Mutilation such as clipping the wings of queen bees is...
 - 7.3. The replacement of the queen bees involving the killing of...
 - 7.4. The practice of destroying the male brood is permitted only...
 - 7.5. The use of chemical synthetic repellents is prohibited during honey...
 - 7.6. The zone where the apiary is situated must be registered...
 - 7.7. Particular care shall be taken to ensure adequate extraction, processing...
 - 7.8. The removals of the supers and the honey extraction operations...
- 8. Characteristics of hives and materials used in beekeeping
 - 8.1. The hives must be made basically of natural materials presenting...
 - 8.2. With the exception of products mentioned in paragraph 6.3(e) in...
 - 8.3. The beeswax for new foundations must come from organic production...
 - 8.4. The use of combs, which contain broods, is prohibited for...
 - 8.5. For the purposes of protecting materials (frames, hives and combs),...
 - 8.6. Physical treatments such as steam or direct flame are permitted....
 - 8.7. For cleaning and disinfecting materials, buildings, equipment, utensils or products...

ANNEX II

Part A

Fertilizers and soil conditioners

B. PESTICIDES

- 1. Products for plant protection
 - I. Substances of crop or animal origin
 - II. Microorganisms used for biological pest control
 - III. Substances to be used in traps and/or dispensers
 - IIIa Preparations to be surface-spread between cultivated plants
 - IV. Other substances from traditional use in organic farming
- 2. Products for pest and disease control in livestock buildings and...

C. FEED MATERIALS

- 1. Feed materials from plant origin

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- 1.1. Cereals, grains, their products and by-products. Only the following substances...
 - 1.2. Oil seeds, oil fruits, their products and by-products. Only the...
 - 1.3. Legume seeds, their product and by-products. Only the following substances...
 - 1.4. Tuber, roots, their products and by-products. Only the following substances...
 - 1.5. Other seeds and fruits, their products and by-products. Only the...
 - 1.6. Forages and roughages. Only the following substances are included in...
 - 1.7. Other plants, their products and by-products. Only the following substances...
 - 1.8. The following feed materials may be used until 30 June...
 2. Feed materials from animal origin
 - 2.1. Milk and milk products. Only the following substances are included...
 - 2.2. Fish, other marine animals, their products and by-products. Only the...
 - 2.3. Eggs and egg products for use as poultry feed, preferably...
 3. Feed materials from mineral origin
- D. FEED ADDITIVES, CERTAIN SUBSTANCES USED IN ANIMAL NUTRITION (DIRECTIVE 82/471/EEC)...
1. Feed additives
 - 1.1. Trace elements. Only the following substances are included in this...
 - 1.2. Vitamins, provitamins and chemically well defined substances having a similar...
 - 1.3. Enzymes. Only the following substances are included in this category:...
 - 1.4. Microorganisms. Only the following microorganisms are included in this category:...
 - 1.5. Preservatives. Only the following substances are included in this category:...
 - 1.6. Binders, anti-caking agents and coagulants. Only the following substances are...
 - 1.7. Antioxidant substances. Only the following substances are included in this...
 - 1.8. Silage additives. Only the following substances are included in this...
 2. Certain products used in animal nutrition
 3. Processing aids used in feedingstuffs
 - 3.1. Processing aids for silage. Only the following substances are included...
- E. PRODUCTS AUTHORISED FOR CLEANING AND DISINFECTION OF LIVESTOCK BUILDINGS AND...
- F. OTHER PRODUCTS

ANNEX III

MINIMUM INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS AND PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES UNDER THE INSPECTION SCHEME REFERRED TO IN ARTICLES 8 AND 9

GENERAL PROVISIONS

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1. Minimum inspection requirements
2. Implementation
3. Initial inspection
4. Communications
5. Inspection visits
6. Documentary accounts
7. Packaging and transport of products to other production/preparation units or...
8. Storage of products
9. Products suspected not to satisfy the requirements of the Regulation...
10. Access to facilities
11. Exchange of information

SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

- A. Production of plants, plant products, livestock and/or livestock products
 - A.1. Plants and plant products from farm production or collection
 1. Initial inspection
 2. Communications
 3. Several production units run by the same operator
 - A.2. Livestock and livestock products produced by animal husbandry
 1. Initial inspection
 2. Identification of livestock
 3. Livestock records
 4. Several production units run by the same operator
 5. Other requirements
- B. Units for preparation of plant and livestock products and foodstuffs...
 1. Initial inspection
 2. Documentary accounts
 3. Preparation units handling also products not from organic production
 4. Packaging and transport of products to preparation units
 5. Reception of products from other units
- C. Imports of plants, plant products, livestock, livestock products and foodstuffs...
 1. Initial inspection
 - Importers
 - First consignee
 2. Documentary accounts
 3. Information on imported consignments
 4. Importers and first consignees handling also products not from organic...
 5. Inspection visits
 6. Reception of products from a third country
- D. Units involved in the production, preparation or import of products...
 - Initial inspection
- E. Units preparing animal feedingstuffs, compound feedingstuffs and feed materials
 1. Initial inspection
 2. Documentary accounts
 3. Preparation units
 4. Inspection visits
 5. Transporting products to other production/preparation units or storage premises
 6. Receipt of products

ANNEX IV

INFORMATION TO BE NOTIFIED AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE 8 (1) (a)

Name and address of operator; Location of premises and, where...

ANNEX V

PART A: INDICATION THAT PRODUCTS ARE COVERED BY THE INSPECTION SCHEME

PART B: COMMUNITY LOGO

- B.1. Conditions with regard to the presentation and use of the...
 - B.1.1. The Community logo referred to above shall comprise of the...
 - B.1.2. The indications that must be included in the logo are...
 - B.1.3. To use the Community logo and the indications referred to...
- B.2. Models
- B.3. Indications to be inserted in the Community logo
 - B.3.1. Single indications:
 - B.3.2. Combination of two indications:
- B.4. Graphic manual
 - 1. INTRODUCTION
 - 2. GENERAL USE OF THE LOGO
 - 2.1. COLOURED LOGO (reference colours)
 - 2.2. SINGLE-COLOUR LOGO: LOGO IN BLACK AND WHITE
 - 2.3. CONTRAST WITH BACKGROUND COLOURS
 - 2.4. TYPOGRAPHY
 - 2.5. LANGUAGE
 - 2.6. REDUCTION SIZES
 - 2.7. PARTICULAR CONDITIONS TO USE THE LOGO
 - 3. ORIGINAL BROMIDES
 - 3.1. TWO-COLOUR SELECTION
 - 3.2. OUTLINES
 - 3.3. SINGLE-COLOUR: LOGO IN BLACK AND WHITE
 - 3.4. COLOUR SAMPLE SHEETS

ANNEX VI

INTRODUCTION

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

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SECTION A —

INGREDIENTS OF NON-AGRICULTURAL ORIGIN (REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 5(3)(c) AND...

- A.1. Food additives, including carriers
- A.2. Flavourings within the meaning of Directive 88/388/EEC
- A.3. Water and salt
- A.4. Micro-organism preparations
- A.5. Minerals (trace elements included), vitamins, aminoacids and other nitrogen compounds...

SECTION B —

PROCESSING AIDS AND OTHER PRODUCTS WHICH MAY BE USED FOR...

SECTION C —

INGREDIENTS OF AGRICULTURAL ORIGIN WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN PRODUCED ORGANICALLY,...

- C.1. Unprocessed vegetable products as well as products derived therefrom by...
- C.2. Vegetable products, processed by processes as referred to under definition...
- C.3. Animal products:

ANNEX VII

ANNEX VIII

Minimum surface areas indoors and outdoors and other characteristics of housing in the different species and types of production

- 1. BOVINES, OVINE AND PIGS
- 2. POULTRY

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- (1) OJ No C 4, 9. 1. 1990, p. 4; and
OJ No C 101, 18. 4. 1991, p. 13.
- (2) OJ No C 106, 22. 4. 1991, p. 27.
- (3) OJ No C 182, 23. 7. 1990, p. 12.

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