

# **“How to obtain organic certification and market access”**

## **Preface**

The history of organic farming is a successful story. For years the selling market for organically produced commodities has been expanding steadily. ABCERT has been coming along with this growth process from the very beginning, contributing to the ever high quality of good As with inspection and certification scheme. It enables manufacturing and processing companies to optimize and objectify their work. That signifies reliability and safety which creates business confidence. Certification is the door to European markets.

## **1 Advantages of certification**

BIO-certified companies demonstrate commitment to the environment and ethical. The product range can be used in all processing stages and at all times and be clearly identified. A review and certification by an inspection body bring the customer and its market partners clear advantages such as:

- More proof of trust through the fulfillment of the requirements of a globally accepted standards.
- Acquisition of new customers who buy more environmentally aware.
- Improvement of image and marketing by using the organic label
- BIO-use of the mark as a powerful marketing tool over competitors without this certification.
- Ensure the products origin.
- Backup of existing markets and market shares.
- Opening new markets. Minimization of the commercial and environmental risk

## **2 How to obtain organic certification**

Compliance with the EG-Regulation of the private inspection on the ground. Between the operation and the Company and the inspection is a contract. The organization or company has to undertake the EC Eco-Regulation and to agree to the standard inspection of the inspection.

Farms, wild collection projects as well as processing, import and trading are risk-oriented, usually at least once a year, from an eco-inspection examined. The control of the companies consists of the written reply to a questionnaire (operation log) and a mission together, on an inspection report is prepared. The inspection will also be random and in any case if you have reason to suspect soil and plant sampling and residue analysis.

What happens during an inspection appointment?

- on site inspection of manufacturing facilities
- -inspection of operational sequences in terms of separation of flow of goods
- inspection of incoming and outgoing goods documentation
- inspection of supplier's certificates
- inspection of flow of goods
- closing meeting

The inspector considers the results of the inspection in a report. The manager receives a copy of this report and after the treatment by the inspection report with the explanations and the certificate. This entire process can take over a period of a few days to over a few weeks. The duration of the process depends on the size and complexity of each operation as well as the number of certified products, the number and geographic location of the operating parts and the number of identified Defoliate the operation before a certificate award must resolve. The costs of certification are dependent on the time needed for the audit. Please for ask an individual Offer of ABCERT AG. More than 10.000 clients have placed their confidence in ABCERT-certification.

## **Sample**

### **Wild collection projects in the GUS / Critical point**

wild collection products are products grown, without influence of the collector and harvested from him in a system of environmentally sustainable. Specifically, this means that the plants cannot be cultivated and must be at their location occur naturally.

Reg 834, Art 12 governs the gathering of wild plants and their parts, which in the wild in forests and on agricultural land occur naturally. The following documents are required:

- Maps of the collection areas must be available
- Confirmation (by Forestry), that the area in the last three years with funds in the organic farming are not permitted, have been treated must be available.
- A confirmation that the collection of the stability of the natural habitat and conservation of the species in the collection area must not impaired in controlling them.
- A possible contamination of the products in the areas of collection by the entry of pollutants from the outside must be excluded.

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