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## Action 10: Complete and harmonise the standards

### What is the content?

Complete and further harmonise the standards for organic agriculture by:

- establishing the list of permitted additives and processing aids for processed animal products;
- considering whether to establish specific standards for organic wines;
- improving the standards relating to animal welfare;
- considering the need for extending the scope to other areas such as aquaculture;
- considering the need for improving standards relating to the environment (use of energy, biodiversity, landscape and others).

### What has been done? What was achieved?

Several points have been realised:

- A list of permitted additives and processing aids for processed animal products as part of the EU regulation 2092/91 was agreed and published in 2006.
- The new Council Regulation (EC) 834/2007 of 28 June 2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 foresees rules for wine and aquaculture.
- A three year project on organic wine processing has been financed by DG Research and started in February 2006, which will make recommendations for new rules for organic wine. (see [www.orwine.org](http://www.orwine.org)).
- In the new Council Regulation on organic production it is stated that high animal welfare standards have to be followed in organic husbandry.
- Principles for a stronger environmental orientation are taken up in the new above mentioned Council regulation.

### What is planned? What is on the way?

Detailed requirements for these new areas will be taken up in the Commission new implementation rules for organic farming (NIROF).

The EU Commission will complete the NIROF with:

- Organic aquaculture: 3 expert group meetings and working document presented on 30.6.2008 to SCOF, further discussion in SCOF in autumn 2008.
- Organic yeast: experts group meeting on 10.7.2008, working document autumn, regulation envisaged before end of 2008.
- Organic wine: presentation of ORWINE project in December 2008 to SCOF.

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