
Action 17: Specific accreditation system for organic inspection bodies

What is the content?

Develop a specific accreditation system for inspection bodies under Regulation (EEC) No. 2092/91.

What has been done? What was achieved?

Based on the new EC Regulation 882/2004, inspection bodies need to be accredited and should follow the principles of EN 45011 or ISO 66. The new Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 of 28 June 2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 foresees that an accreditation under EN 45011 or ISO 66 is mandatory.

What is planned? What is on the way?

Details still have still to be clarified in the implementation rules. A Commission consultation document was circulated in autumn 2007. An update of control guidelines is planned for autumn 2008.

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