
Action 21: International negotiation mandate

What is the content?

Reinforce recognition of EU organic farming standards and inspection systems in third countries by obtaining a negotiation mandate from the Council.

What has been done? What was achieved?

The Council refused to give a negotiation mandate to the EU Commission.

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 will give more responsibilities to third countries.

Furthermore it will be possible that inspection/certification bodies can be directly accredited by the European Commission.

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.

Comments

Indirectly the new Council regulation for organic production of June 2007 strengthens the role of inspection bodies in third countries, as they can apply to get on the list of EU recognized inspection and certification bodies.

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