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### **Organic Products**

# **Organic Foodstuffs Rules and Regulations - a Summary 2000**

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#### **Report Highlights:**

**Following is a summary of Organic Food Stuffs rules and regulations.**

**To ensure up to moment information please consult the FAS Brussels Homepage.**

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Includes PSD changes: No  
Includes Trade Matrix: No

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## ORGANIC PRODUCTS RULES AND REGULATIONS

Regulations relating to organic products:	<b>2092/91</b>	<b>2381/94</b>
	<b>94/92</b>	<b>529/95</b>
	<b>1535/92</b>	<b>1201/95</b>
	<b>2083/92</b>	<b>1202/95</b>
	<b>3457/92</b>	<b>1935/95</b>
	<b>207/93</b>	<b>418/96</b>
	<b>2608/93</b>	<b>522/96</b>
	<b>468/94</b>	<b>314/97</b>
	<b>1468/94</b>	<b>345/97</b>
		<b>1488/97</b>

Regulation 2092/91 contains framework provisions aimed at governing the emerging market of organically produced agricultural products and foodstuffs. These provisions specify the conditions under which labeling may refer to organic production methods. Traditional labeling requirements under Directive 79/112/EEC as discussed earlier, as well as rules on production and inspection of inter alia, notification of manufacturing, producing or importing activity.

- For the purposes of this regulation: a product shall be regarded as having organic production methods when the labeling, advertising material or commercial documents are in accordance with the rules of production.

**(i) In English: organic**

**(ii) In Italian: biologico**

\*Such terms are not applied to agricultural products in foodstuffs with no connection with the proper method of production.

- The labeling and advertising of a product may refer to organic production methods only when:
  - (a.) indications show that they relate to a method of agricultural production
  - (b.) the product was produced in accordance with rules of production or imported from a third country that has been approved
  - (c.) the product was produced or imported by an operator who is subject to the inspection measures
  - (d.) the labeling refers to the name and/or code number of the inspection authorities
- The labeling and advertising of products intended for human consumption composed essentially of one or more ingredients or plant origin must indicate references to organic production methods in the sales description of the product only when:
  - (a.) at least 95% of the ingredients of agricultural origin of the product are, or are derived from products obtained in accordance with the rules of production or imported from a third country that has been approved
  - (b.) the product or its ingredients have not been subjected to treatments involving the use of ionizing radiation

Member states may not prohibit or restrict the marketing of products that meet the requirements of regulation 2092/91.

Subsequent regulations set out details on:

- substances permitted as ingredients
- substances used in preparation
- fertilizers and conditions of use
- third countries entitled to export the original organic products
- rules on the raising of animals, in the case of animal ingredients
- details on inspection certificates
- conditions for plants
- regulations for the coexistence of conventional and organic farming

**See legislation for specific details on all directives, amendments and proposals.**