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FOAG Ordinance on Organic Farming

of 11 November 2020 (Status as of 15 March 2022)

The Federal Office for Agriculture (FOAG),

based on Articles 23 para. 1, 23a para. 2 and 24 para. 6 of the organic farming ordinance of 22 September 1997¹,

ordains:

Art. 1 List of countries

Organic products from countries listed in Annex 1 with relevant specifications may be marketed with the labelling relating to organic farming.

Art. 2 List of recognised certification bodies and inspection authorities outside the list of countries

The certification bodies and inspection authorities recognised under Article 23a paragraph 2 of the Organic Farming Ordinance of 22 September 1997 are listed in Annex 2.

Art. 3 Commencement

This Ordinance comes into force on 1 January 2021.

Annex 1²
(Art. 1)

List of countries

1 Introduction

1.1 Product categories

The product categories shall be identified by the following codes in accordance with Regulation (EC) 1235/2008³:

Product category	Code
Unprocessed crop products	A
Live animals or unprocessed animal products	B
Aquaculture ^a	C
Processed agricultural products for use as food	D
Processed agricultural products for use as feed	E
Vegetative propagating material and seeds for cultivation	F

^a In accordance with Article 1 paragraph 3 of the Organic Farming Ordinance, aquaculture is not included within the scope of this provision.

1.2 Exclusion from recognition of products during the conversion period

Animals and animal products produced during the conversion period shall be excluded from recognition with regard to product categories B and D for all third countries listed in this Annex.

² Revised by No I of the FOAG O of 6 May 2021 (AS **2021** 272) und of 10 Feb. 2022, in force since 15 March 2022 (AS **2022** 92).

³ Commission Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 of 8 December 2008¹ laying down detailed rules for implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 as regards the arrangements for imports of organic products from third countries, OJ. L 334 of 12.12.2008, p. 25; last amended by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/479, OJ L 102 of 2.4.2020, p. 4.

2 Countries

Argentina

1. Product categories:

Product category	Code	Limitations
Unprocessed crop products	A	
Live animals or unprocessed animal products	B	
Processed agricultural products for use as food ^a	D	
Vegetative propagating material and seeds for cultivation	F	

^a Wine, yeast not included

2. Origin:

Products of categories A, B and F that have been grown in Argentina and products of category D processed in Argentina with organically grown ingredients that have been grown in Argentina.

3. Production standards:

Ley 25 127 sobre «Producción ecológica, biológica y orgánica»

4. Competent authority:

Servicio Nacional de Sanidad y Calidad Agroalimentaria SENASA,
www.senasa.gov.ar

5. Certification bodies:

Code number	Name	Internet address
AR-BIO-001	Food Safety S.A.	www.foodsafety.com.ar
AR-BIO-002	Instituto Argentino para la Certificación y Promoción de Productos Agropecuarios Orgánicos S.A. (Argencert)	www.argencert.com
AR-BIO-003	Letis S.A.	www.letis.org
AR-BIO-004	Organización Internacional Agropecuaria (OIA)	www.oia.com.ar

6. Body issuing certificate of inspection: as specified in Number 5.

7. Time limit for inclusion: by 31 December 2022.

Australia

1. Product categories:

Product category	Code	Limitations
Unprocessed crop products	A	
Processed agricultural products for use as food ^a	D	Composed essentially of one or more ingredients of plant origin.
Vegetative propagating material and seeds for cultivation	F	

^a Wine, yeast not included

2. Origin:

Products of categories A and F that have been grown in Australia and products of category D processed in Australia with organically grown ingredients that have been grown in Australia.

3. Production standards:

National standard for organic and bio-dynamic produce

4. Competent authority:

Department of Agriculture and Water Resources,
www.agriculture.gov.au/export/controlled-goods/organic-bio-dynamic

5. Certification bodies:

Code number	Name	Internet address
AU-BIO-001	Australian Certified Organic Pty Ltd. (ACO)	www.aco.net.au
AU-BIO-003	BIO-Dynamic Research Institute (BDRI)	www.demeter.org.au
AU-BIO-004	NASAA Certified Organic (NCO)	www.nasaa.com.au
AU-BIO-005	Organic Food Chain Pty Ltd. (OFC)	www.organicfoodchain.com.au
AU-BIO-006	AUS-QUAL Pty Ltd.	www.ausqual.com.au

6. *Body issuing certificate of inspection:* as specified in Number 5.

7. *Time limit for inclusion:* by 31 December 2025.

Chile

1. Product categoryn:

Product category	Code	Limitations
Unprocessed crop products	A	Only products listed in the Mutual Recognition Arrangement on Organic Products of 5 August 2019 ⁴ agreed between Switzerland and Chile
Live animals or unprocessed animal products	B	Only beekeeping products
Processed agricultural products for use as food ^a	D	With the exception of livestock products, or their processing products.
Vegetative propagating material and seeds for cultivation	F	Only products listed in the Mutual Recognition Arrangement on Organic Products of 5 August 2019 agreed between Switzerland and Chile

^a Wine, yeast not included

2. Origin:

Products in Categories A and D that are produced in Chile or imported into Chile:

- a. from Switzerland; or
- b. from a country recognised under this Annex.

3. Production standards:

Law No 20.089 of 17 January 2006 on Creating a National Certification System for Ecological Agricultural Products.

4. Competent authority:

Servicio Agrícola y Ganadero (SAG), Ministry of Agriculture,
www.sag.cl/ambitos-de-accion/productos-organicos

5. Certification bodies:

Code number	Name	Internet address
CL-BIO-001	Ecocert Chile S.A.	www.ecocert.cl
CL-BIO-005	CERES – Certification of Environmental Standards GmbH	www.ceres-cert.com
CL-BIO-010	BIO CERTIFICADORA SERVICIOS LIMITADA	www.bioaudita.cl

⁴ The document is available in English at: www.blw.admin.ch > Instrumente > Biolandbau.