



**European Organic Certifiers Council**

# **TOWARDS A RISK BASED APPROACH IN ORGANIC CERTIFICATION**

## **The way forward: The perspective of EOCC**

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## **The way backward...!!!**

- **The EC Regulation 2092/91:**
  - **Risk management restricted to the feed sector**
- **The EC Regulation 834/2007 – 889/2008**
  - **Extension of the risk assessment to all sectors**
  - **The requirement of one yearly full physical inspection of all operators is removed excepted for the feed sector**
  - **Guidelines for controls(2011) with the risk approach**

**A first step forward...**

# **EOCC supports the risk based approach**

- **In the current Regulation, risk based approach concerns:**
  - **Operators**
  - **Certification Bodies**
  - **Competent Authorities**

- **Operators describe activity and precautionary measures based on an assessment of risk**
- **CBs verify compliance of the rules and effectiveness of operators's risk assessment during controls**
- **Competent Authorities verify that CBs respect of minimum control requirements and review CB's risk assessment**

# THE REVISION OF THE REGULATION

- **Risk oriented approach :**
  - **To improve the effectiveness of the control system**
  - **Cost effective**

## **To maintain annual verification of compliance**

- **The risk approach can increase and reduce frequency of inspections as well the nature of those inspections. The minimum of a physical control once a year shall be maintained**
- **The content of annual verifications of compliance shall be risk based**
- **The content and the nature of additional inspections shall be risk based**

## **To maintain annual verification of compliance**

- **The amount of additional inspection conducted per calendar year shall be assessed after one year implementation**
- **The amount of samples taken per year shall be assessed**



# **Group Certification**

- **to support the principle of group certification**
- **How to deal with a risk approach by group certification,**
- **Risk based analysis of the structure and management of the group: ICS/IQS  
Internal control/quality system**
- **Criteria for the risk assessment: see the  
Guideline import**

# **RELATIONSHIP CERTIFICATION BODY (CB) COMPETENT AUTHORITY (CA)**

- **Supervision of the CBs. Risk oriented?**
- **Gap between the requirements of the regulation (not full physical inspection once a year but risk oriented) and the practices/expectation of the CA**
- **Responsibility of the CB: a key for a risk oriented approach**
- **Risk oriented market surveillance**

## **RISK ORIENTED APPROACH AND FRAUD**

- **Risk assesment of the supply chain**  
**Warning system**
- **qualitative balance check**
- **Suspicion on operators**
- **coordination of actions against fraudulent operators**
- **Exchange of informations and findings**

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