

Screening with Turkey and Croatia

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Organic Farming in the EU

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ORGANIC FARMING

Production method which emphasises:

- **minimise negative effects on the environment**
- **enhance high level of biological diversity**
- **preserve natural resources**
- **respect high animal welfare standards**

EU COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) 2092/91

On the
ORGANIC PRODUCTION
of
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS
and
INDICATIONS REFERRING THERETO
on agricultural products and foodstuffs

EU COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) 2092/91

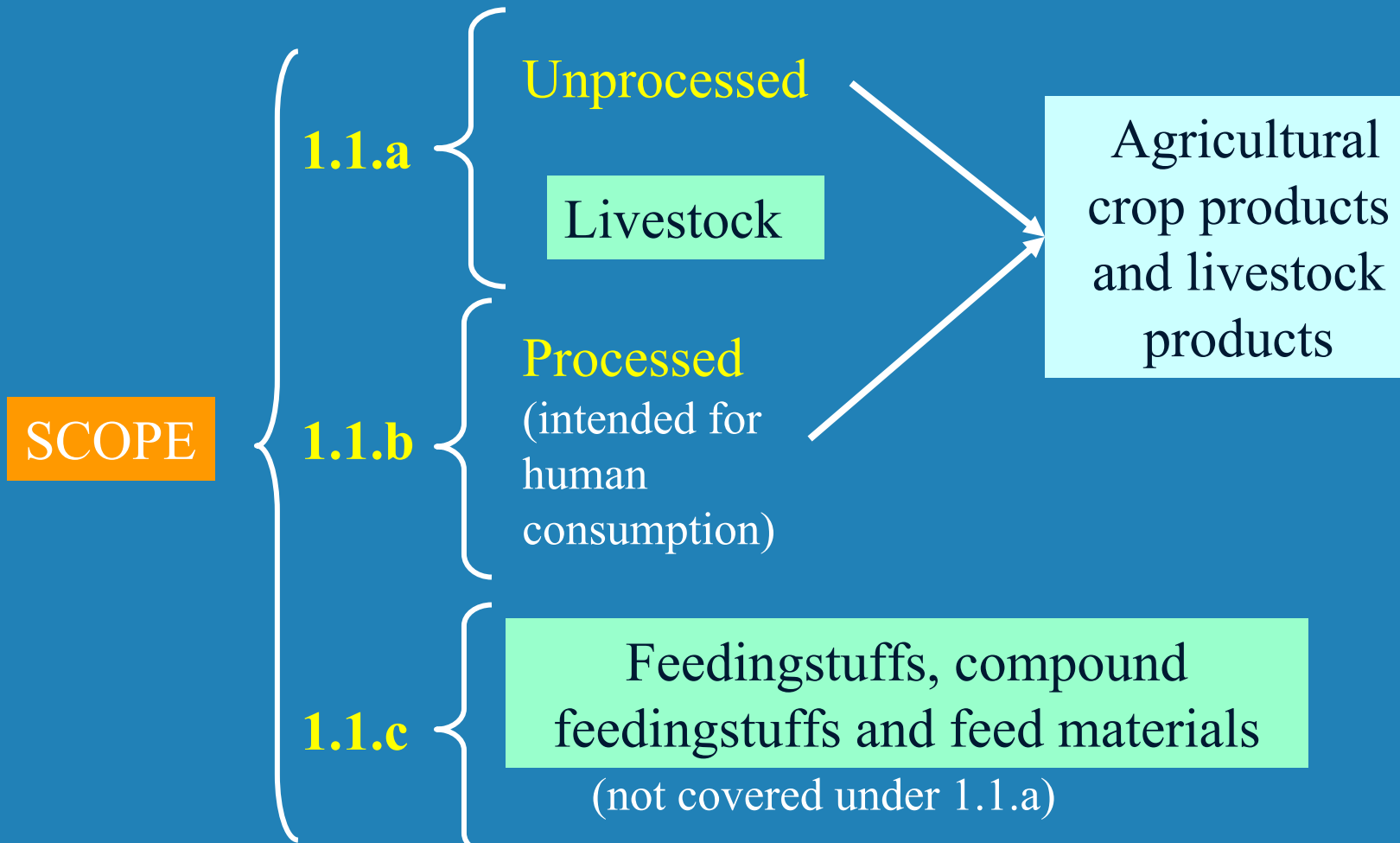
Defines a **method of agricultural** production for crops and livestock,

Regulates the **labeling, processing, inspection and marketing** of organic products within the Community,

Regulates **import** of organic products from non-member countries

Council Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91

(Article 1)



Council Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 (Article 2)

Protection

Spanish:	ecológico
Danish:	økologisk
German:	ökologisch, biologisch
Greek:	βιολογικό
English:	organic
French:	biologique
Italian:	biologico
Dutch:	biologisch
Portuguese:	biológico
Finnish:	luonnonmukainen
Swedish:	ekologisk

Council Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 (Article 3)

Applicability of rules governing conventional products

The Regulation applies without prejudice to:

other Community provisions or

national provisions, in conformity with Community law

Council Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 (Other Articles)

Articles

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Definitions

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Labelling

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Production

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Inspection

Council Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 (Other Articles)

Articles

10 → **Indications & logo**

11 → **Imports**

12 → **Free movement**

13-16 → **Administrative**

Council Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 (Annexes)

I	Principles of organic production
II	Authorised substances
III	Inspection
IV	Notifications
V	EU indication/logo
VI	Processing substances
VII	Animals/hectare
VIII	Minimum surface per animal

Council Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 (Annexes)

Annex I:

Principles of organic production at farm level

A. Plants and plant products

B. Livestock and livestock products from the following species: bovine (including bubalus and bison species), porcine, ovine, caprine, equidae, poultry

C. Beekeeping and beekeeping products

Rules governing organic production on farms (Plant Production)

Annex I, Part A:
Basic rules

Fertility

Fertilisers and
soil conditioners
(Annex II, Part A)

Crop protection
against pests and
disease

Pesticides
(Annex II.B)

Conversion

Collection of edible plants grown
naturally (wild plants)

Rules governing organic production on farms (Livestock Production)

Annex I, Part B:
Minimum rules

Interdependence between soil -
plant- animal

Access to free-range areas

Limited number of animals
(Annexes VII & VIII)

Principle of separation

Rules governing organic production on farms (Livestock Production)

Annex I, Part B:
Minimum rules

Conversion

Origin of the animals

Feed

Livestock manure (Annex VII)

Disease prevention & veterinary
treatment

Animal welfare (Annex VIII)

Rules governing organic production on farms (Beekeeping)

Annex I, Part C:

Conversion

Three kilometer radius

Council Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 (Annexes)

Annex II:

Products authorised for use in OF

- A. Fertilisers and soil conditioners**
- B. Pesticides**
- B. Feed materials**
- C. Feed additives**
- D. Products for cleaning and disinfection of livestock buildings**

Feed materials and feed additives

Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91

Annex II

Section C	Section D
Feed materials	Feed additives
Plant origin	Other substances
Animal origin	Processing aids
Minerals	

Council Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 (Annexes)

Annex II:

Products authorised for use in OF

E. Products authorised for **cleaning and disinfection** of livestock buildings and installations (e.g. equipment and utensils)

F. **Other products**

Council Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 (Annexes)

Annex III:

Minimum inspection requirements

- A. **Production**
- B. **Preparation**
- C. **Importers**
- D. Units which have contracted out operations to **3rd parties**
- E. **Preparation of feedingstuffs** (recently adopted)

Council Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 (Annexes)

Annex IV:

Information to be notified to the competent authority

Annex V:

Indications and EU-logo

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Annex VI:

Processing of agricultural products from organic production and preparation of foodstuffs

- A. Ingredients of **non-agricultural origin**
- B. **Processing aids** and other products
- C. **Ingredients** of agricultural origin which have **not** been produced **organically**

Rules on processing organic agricultural products into foodstuffs

Article 5 and
Annex VI

Products as natural as possible

Sufficiently wide choice

Technological constrains

Council Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 (Annexes)

Annex VII:

Livestock production: N° of animals/hectare

Annex VIII:

Minimum surface area (indoors and outdoors)

Labelling rules

(Article 5)

Labeling and
advertising

Method of agriculture production

Provisions of the Regulation

Inspection measures

Name and/or code n° inspection
authority or body

Labelling rules

(Article 5)

Labeling and
advertising

95 %

70 - 95 % (ingredients)

Product under conversion

Labelling rules (feed)

**Commission Regulation (EC) No
223/2003**

Labeling rules for organic feed

**Feedingstuffs,
compound
feedingstuffs
and feed
materials**

~~**Pet foods, feed
for fur animals
or feed for
aquaculture
animals**~~

EU-LOGO (Art. 10)

Commission Regulation (EC) N° 331/2000



Inspection

Articles 8 - 9

Notification of activity

Designated inspections
authorities and/or
approved bodies

Supervision of bodies

EN 45011

Annex III

Inspections: Annex III

General provisions

Minimum inspection requirements

Implementation

Initial inspection

Communications

Inspection visits

Documentary accounts

Packaging and transport of products to other units or premises

Storage of products

Products suspected not to satisfy the requirements

Access to facilities

Exchange of information

Inspections: Annex III

Specific provisions

A. Production

B. Preparation

C. Imports

D. Units which have contracted out to third parties the operations

E. Units preparing feed (Reg. (EC) N° 223/03)

Imports

Article 11:
Equivalency
arrangements

Production

Inspection

Imports

Application

Procedure Art. 11.1 - 11.5

Implementation rules in Commission
Regulation (EEC) No 94/92

List of third countries

Imports

Annex to Commission Regulation
(EEC) N° 94/92

**List of
third
countries**

Argentina

Australia

Israel

Switzerland

New Zealand

Costa Rica

Imports

Article 11.6: Derogation

Until 31 December 2006

**Member States may grant
authorisations**

Imports

Article 11.6

Importer:
sufficient
evidence

Equivalent
production rules

Inspection
measures of
equivalency
applied

effectively

permanently

Imports

Commission Regulation (EC) No
1788/2001

Certificate of inspection for import of organic products

To coordinate at EU level certain controls on imported organic products

Art. 11.1 and Art.11.6

The Standing Committee on Organic farming (SCOF)

**Article 14:
SCOF**

Member States

Commission

Chair





European Action Plan

for Organic Food and Farming



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Thank you very much for your attention