



New criteria for inputs

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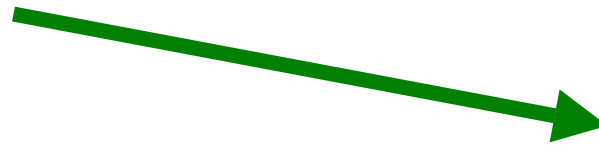
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Criteria in EU Reg.2092/91 may be

set in **art.7**



operationally detailed in the **matrix**



practically implemented in **Annex II**



Criteria for evaluating what?

- inclusion
- withdrawal
- amendment of specifications

of any product listed in annex II: **PPP, F&SC** but also **animal husbandry products**



Hot points of the actual version of art.7

Non-contact clause “the conditions for their use preclude any direct contact with the seed, the crop, crop products or livestock and livestock products; however, in the case of perennial crops, direct contact may take place, but only outside the growing season of the edible parts (fruits) provided that such application does not indirectly result in the presence of residues of the product in the edible parts”

Traditional use condition “The conditions provided for in paragraph 1 shall not apply to products which were in common use before the adoption of this Regulation according to the codes of practice on organic farming followed in the Community.”



How have they been handled in the proposed version?

Non-contact clause → restricted to synthetic products

Traditional use condition → referred to matrix

Is it too risky???





New criteria: a flexible response to varying needs

- based on existing ones (Eu Reg. 2092, Codex, IFOAM) but more complete and structured
- a set of general criteria valid for all kinds of input and a few specific ones per input category



General criteria:

- . **Origin:** plant, animal, microbial (no GMOs) or mineral origin but exceptions possible
- . **Processing:** physical treatments (milling, heating, purification), microbial and enzymatic treatments (fermentation, composting or hydrolysis) exceptionally **simple chemical treatment**
- . **Environment:** no harmful effects on the environment along the life-cycle
- . **Human health:** lowest negative impact on human or animal health and quality of life
- . **Public perception:** no negative socio-economic impacts **or** unfavourable public perception
- . **Consistency:** their use is consistent with the principles of organic farming;





Specific criteria

1. if they are used for **fertilization or soil-conditioning** purposes, they are essential for specific nutrition requirements of crops or specific soil-conditioning purposes which **cannot be satisfied by the practices mentioned in Annex I**



Specific criteria

2. if they are used for the purpose of **plant pest or disease control, for animal nutrition** or cleaning and disinfecting livestock buildings and installations or **for other purposes related to crop production (ex. mulching materials, growth or plant health promoters...)** they are essential for the control of a harmful organism or a particular disease, or to achieve the intended purpose for which breeding alternatives or management practices are not available or less effective, and alternative substances are not included in Annex II;





Specific criteria

3. Products obtained by **chemical processes** and not identical to their natural form may be authorized only if their conditions for use **preclude any direct contact** with the edible parts of the crop;





Specific criteria

4. With regard to minerals and trace elements used in **animal nutrition**, additional sources for these products may be included in Annex II provided that they are of natural origin or failing that, synthetic in the same form as natural products.





Questions open to the audience

1. Are the revised **criteria acceptable**? If so, do they completely reflect the principles of organic agriculture?
2. If so, do we still need the **“non-contact clause”** (only for synthetic products) and the **“traditional use”** category?

