

The revised EU Regulation

Implications for exports to Europe

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Impacts for the trade and Third Countries

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Impacts for Third Countries

- > **Opportunity for acceptance of local certification bodies by EU**
- > **Third Country listing no longer necessary to facilitate export**
- > **Choice between equivalence and compliancy with EU system**

Impacts for trade

- > **No change expected before 2010:**
 - > **System of import permits will continue at least until end of 2009**
- > **If you import certified products:**
 - > **Less bureaucracy**
 - > **More responsibility for quality assurance**
 - > **Check whether the CB intends to apply for the EU list for the respective non-EU-country**
 - > **Also European CB's have to be listed for activities outside the EU**

Recommendations for CB's offering services outside of Europe

- > **Be prepared for application:**
 - > **Accreditation or equivalent assessment**
 - > **Scope has to include the countries of operation**
 - > **Types and an estimate of the quantities of agricultural products and foodstuffs intended for export to the Community**
 - > **Proof for notification of activities in third countries**
 - > **Production standards and control arrangements**

Concerns and opportunities

- > **Consistent surveillance of European and non-European certification bodies**
 - > supervision system run by institutions qualified and trained for the specific requirements of the EU regulation
 - > based on a common approach
 - > Sufficient capacities within EU
- > **Tools to assess compliance and equivalency of standards applied in third countries.**

Concerns and opportunities

- > **“Compliance” in third countries needs to be evaluated very carefully, not only equivalence**
- > **Publication of such assessments to increase transparency**
- > **Definition of suitable equivalent measures for requirements which cause unbearable burden to farmers in Third Countries**
- > **International Complaints Mechanism**

Conclusions

- > **Facilitating international trade**
- > **Opportunity for local certification bodies**
- > **Weakening or strengthening of the system? Success depends on**
 - > **Implementation rules by EU**
 - > **Capacities provided by EU Commission and Member States**