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# The new legislation on organic farming

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## 1. Organic farming policy



# Organic production

- 4 % of EU agriculture area
- 1.2% of EU wine growing area
- Rapidly increasing market demand
- Imports from:
  - Third country list: ARG, AUS, NZ
  - import authorisations: Chile, South-Africa, US, rarely Croatia, TR, Tunisia, Uruguay
- To: DE,FI,FR,BE

Organic wine growing area in hectare, ESTAT

|           | 1998          | 2001          | 2004          | 2006          |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| BG        | 0             | 0             | 0             | 1             |
| CZ        | 0             | 0             | 38            | 19            |
| CY        | 0             | 0             | 15            | 30            |
| EL        | 0             | 0             | 2.059         | 2.290         |
| FR        | 4.874         | 8.156         | 12.557        | 14.193        |
| HU        | 0             | 0             | 274           | 0             |
| IT        | 10.705        | 21.807        | 20.867        | 25.876        |
| LU        | 1             | 1             | 4             | 0             |
| NL        | 0             | 0             | 0             | 15            |
| PT        | 359           | 494           | 632           | 0             |
| RO        | 0             | 0             | 0             | 73            |
| SI        | 0             | 0             | 33            | 39            |
| SK        | 0             | 0             | 12            | 53            |
| UK        | 0             | 0             | 53            | 22            |
| <b>EU</b> | <b>15.939</b> | <b>30.458</b> | <b>36.544</b> | <b>42.611</b> |



# European Action Plan 2004

- Political concept aims to implement concrete measures (21 Actions)
- Focus on:
  - **Recognition of public goods:** environment, animal welfare, job creation in rural areas (RD programmes, research)
  - **Development of the market,** meet consumer concerns (promotion campaign, EU-Logo)
  - **Improvement of legislation**







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## 2. Organic farming legislation



- Existing Regulation 2092/91 is replaced by:
- Council Regulation 834/2007
- Commission Regulation 889/2008 for production, labelling and control
- Commission Regulation 1235/2008 for imports
- From 1 January 2009  
Logo: 1 July 2010





# Council Regulation 834/2007

- Scope: aquaculture, seaweed, yeast
- Objectives and principles
- Flexibility – local production
- Labelling: > 95% organic – mandatory EU-logo, indication of origin
- Riskbased control (OFFC)
- Commission report to Council 2011
- **relevant for wine:**
  - Recital 7: processed food, including wine
  - Article 19: production rules for processed food
  - Article 21: criteria for substances in processing
  - Article 38: new implementing rules





# Commission Regulation 889/2008

- Detailed plant and animal production rules, labelling, control
- Processing (Article 26):
  - good manufacturing practices
  - critical processing steps
  - operations and storing separated by time or place
- Use of substances in processing (Article 27(1)):
  - reference to Annex VIII - food additives and processing aids
  - ....can be used, „with the exception of wine“



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# Labelling:



Vin issu de  
raisins cultivés  
en agriculture  
biologique



# NIR for organic wine

- **Amendment of Regulation 889/2008**
  
- **Indicative Timetable:**
  - **Exchange of information ..... ongoing**
  - **Working document (with unit C.3)..... 5/2009**
  - **Discussion (SCOF, stakeholders) ..... until mid 09**
  - **ISC and draft regulation..... 10/2009**
  - **To be adopted ..... before end 2009**



# Comitology

- **Council Regulation Article 37:**
  - **Regulatory committee**
  - **Qualified majority amongst 27 Member States**
  - **Published in Official Journal**





## To do list:

- new IRs
  - Aquaculture
  - Wine (ORWINE Project)
- „Shopping list”
- Expert panel
- Promotion campaign
- New EU-Logo – public contest







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