

Organic Certification



SUOLO E SALUTE

**CONTROL AND CERTIFICATION BODY
FOR AGRICULTURAL AND FOODSTUFF
SECTORS**



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SUOLO E SALUTE

**IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST CONTROL BODY
AUTHORIZED BY MI.P.A.F. (ITALIAN MINISTRY OF
AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY POLICIES) FOR THE
CONTROL AND CERTIFICATION OF AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCTS FROM ORGANIC FARMING IN COMPLIANCE
TO THE EEC REG. 2092/91**



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SUOLO E SALUTE

IS EN 45011 (ISO 065) ACCREDITED FROM THE SINCERT (N° 051B WWW.SINCERT.IT) FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF PRODUCTS COMING FROM ORGANIC FARMING AND THE TRACEABILITY IN THE FOOD CHAIN (UNI 10939 – EC REG. NO 178/2002)

Accreditato da
SINCERT

EN45011 ISO65 Registr. n.051B



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SUOLO E SALUTE

**CERTIFIES THE QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS
(ISO 9001:2000) AND GRANT THE ENVIRONMENTAL
CERTIFICATION (ISO 14001:1996)**



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**CERTIFIES PRIVATE STANDARDS FOR THE
ENHANCEMENT OF AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD
PRODUCTS COMING FROM A PARTICULAR TERRITORY**



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CERTIFIES THE PRODUCTION COMING FROM
INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT FARMS



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SUOLO E SALUTE



HAS ADHERED TO THE **PEFC SCHEME**
FOR THE FOREST CERTIFICATION OF:

- *WOODED AREAS (INCLUDING WOOD SPECIES)*
- *CHAIN OF CUSTODY OF WOOD SPECIES*



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INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATION



**USDA/NOP
ACCREDITATION**



**REGISTRATION AT THE MAFF (Ministry
of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries of
JAPAN) FOR THE RELEASE OF THE JAS
ORGANIC LOGO**



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**Authorization to certify the production “BIO SUISSE
Approved” to export in Switzerland**



**Authorization to certify the production “AB-FRANCE” to
export in France**



**Authorization to certify the production in compliance to
the SOIL ASSOCIATION LTD standards, to export in the
United Kingdom**



**Authorization to certify the production in compliance to
the CONSEIL DES APPELLATIONS AGROALIMENTAIRES
DU QUÉBEC (CAAQ) Standards, to export in the
province of Québec (Canada)**



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DEFINITION OF ORGANIC FARMING



CODEX ALIMENTARIUS DEFINITION

Organic agriculture is a global system of agricultural production that privileges the rational management of the inside resources of the farm and the limited use of the external inputs, in order to safeguard the agricultural ecosystem in all its aspects.



Organic agriculture is a production method that aim to:

- safeguard for a long time the soil fertility, by recycling the crop and animal wastes, with the aim of returning the nutritional elements to the ground, reducing in such way the use of non renewable resources;
- increase the biological diversity;
- cancel or reduce every source of pollution in the agricultural ecosystem;



- greater respect of raised animals, by pursuing the animals' welfare as main goal (livestock units, with sufficient land to produce the necessary feeds, mandatory pastures, animals free to move in the housings and absolute abolition of all these practices that may cause pain or stress).



SECTORIAL ANALYSIS

statistical data, production potentiality and
marketing of organic products



USA

Organic products sector is increased from \$ 8.5 B (2001) to \$ 18 B (2006). Organic sector represents just about 1.5% of US market. It is foreseen that organic sector will increase to \$ 30 B (2010) with a annual growth rate between 18 and 25%.

Imp.Segs.-Fruits/veg (42),Bread/grains(13),
Beverages (17),Packaged food(11),Dairy (11).



India

» Major Segments (Domestic/Exports)

- Spices -Vanilla,Cardamom,Ginger, Turmeric,Pepper etc.
- Fruits-Mango,Banana, Pineapple
- Nuts-Cashew, Walnut
- Vegetables- Okra, Onion, Gherkins tc.
- Commodity-Tea,Soybean,Rice,Coffee



The motivations that push the farmers to adopt the organic method of production are the following:

- Financial motivations;
- (expectations of best economic results related to the politics of the contributions and the different market perspectives)
- Health-environmental motivations;
- (R: "I produce healthy food for me and the consumers in the respect of the environment)
- Psychological motivations;
- (R: "I am appreciated for what I do - I rediscover a new role as farmer because for a long time I have been shown as a polluter")
- Religious and philosophical motivations.
- (once they were those prevalent, today they are valid only for some categories of farmers)



LAWS AND REGULATION ABOUT ORGANIC FARMING



COMUNITARY NORMS

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 of 24 June 1991 and its modification
- Council Regulation (EC) No 1804/99 and its modification

NATIONAL NORMS

- D. L. 220/95 of 17 march 1995 (Italy)
- Circulars e ministerial notes (explanation bulletins)

REGIONAL NORMS



DUTIES OF THE OPERATORS



All the companies involved in **PRODUCTION, PROCESSING, TRADING and IMPORTING** of agricultural products or foodstuff, which wish to obtain the “*organic certification*” must be under control, in compliance to the EEC Reg. no 2092/91.



The control system is the serie of function and action that characterize the inspection activity of the control Body, concerning the check of the application, by the controlled operators, of all the dispositions of the EEC REG no. 2092/91 and its modification and amendments.



CONTROL ACTIVITY



**THE CONTROL ACTIVITY IS ORGANIZED AND
GUARANTEED BY PRIVATE BODIES WITH
AUTHORIZATION REVOCABLE BY THE MINISTRY
OF AGRICULTURAL POLICIES.**

**ALMOST ALL THE CONTROL BODIES IN ITALY HAVE
BEEN EN45011 (ISO65) ACCREDITED BY SINCERT
FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF PRODUCT COMING
FROM ORGANIC FARMING.**



INSPECTION VISIT

**It is the real control stage, periodically
performed with farm inspection, taking
of samples and analysis of productions.
Its scope is to verify the documentation
regularity and the compliance of the
farms and its production to the organic
farming method.**



SAMPLES TAKING AND ANALYSIS

During the inspection visit or when necessary, in case of situations contingent to the certification, samples are taken and sent to be analyzed for finding any residues of prohibited substances.

The laboratories chosen to perform the analysis are all accredited by SINAL in compliance to the UNI EN 45001 - ISO 17025.



**THE INFRINGEMENT OF THE NORMS CAUSE
THE ISSUING OF SANCTIONS TO THE FIRM;
SUCH SANCTIONS DEPENDS FROM THE
IMPORTANCE OF THE NON COMPLIANCE.**



CERTIFICATION OF PRODUCTIONS



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In order to obtain the certification of its products as from “***organic farming***”, the farm must have applied and respected the organic farming rules for a period, called “***conversion to organic farming***”, of at least two years before sowing or, in the case of perennial crops other than grassland, at least three years before the first harvest of products. The starting date for the calculation of such period is the notification date.



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Before the whole conversion period has been ended, but however not before 12 months from the starting, productions can be certified as:

"product in conversion to organic farming".

In some cases the conversion period can be extended or reduced, for the entire farm or part of it, having regard to previous parcel use.

Once finished the conversion period, the products will be certified with the statement:

"product from organic farming".



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National Organic Program (NOP)
of the
USDA (United States Department of
Agriculture)



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Peculiar points of National Organic Program

The United States Department of Agriculture, National Organic Standards (NOS), were developed by the USDA to implement the US Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (OFPA).

The National Organic Standards include the rules and procedures for organic production, an extensive list of definitions, and the "National List" of allowed synthetic and prohibited natural substances.

The Standards also contain labeling, certification, accreditation, enforcement, and testing requirements.

The final rule came into full effect on October, 21, 2002.



Peculiar points of National Organic Program

- NOP certification concern all the chain of custody and is therefore obligatory both for the firms that want to trade their organic products directly in the USA marketplace, and for those firms that produce ingredients of organic products destined to the USA;
- All the operators must implement an Organic System Plan, with proactive fertility systems; conservation measures; environmentally sound manure, weed, disease, and pest management practices; and soil building crop rotation systems; proactive sanitation and facility pest management practices
- NOP does not allow any labelling of products "*in conversion*";
- All the farmers, breeders and processors who sell over \$5000/year in organic products must be certified.



Labeling in compliance to the NOP/USDA



1 2 3 4

- 1 "100% organic", products obtained with the 100% of organic ingredients
- 2 "organic", products obtained with at least the 95% of organic ingredients
- 3 "made with organic", products obtained with at least the 70% of organic ingredients
- 4 "less than 70%", products obtained with less than 70% of organic ingredients



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JAS
(Japanese Agricultural Standard)



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JAS (Japanese Agricultural Standard)

On May 2003 Suolo e Salute srl has obtained the JAS registration by MAFF (Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries of JAPAN), as “Registered Foreign Certification Organization overseas” (RFCO).

Thanks to this important recognition, Suolo e Salute srl can offer to all its controlled operators, located in all countries except Japan, the possibility to use the JAS organic logo in the labels of products from organic farming, to be sold in the Japanese marketplace.



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BIO SUISSE

(ASSOCIATION OF SWISS ORGANIC FARMING ORGANIZATIONS)



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BIO SUISSE (Association of Swiss organic farming organizations)

Today this umbrella organization includes more than 30 agricultural member organizations and the research institute for organic farming. The first common standards for cultivation were approved in 1981 and at the same time the trademark of controlled organic farming, the Bud, was created.

Today the Bud is a very required trademark that enjoys of a great credibility near the consumers.

Suolo e Salute srl can offer a specific inspection activity to its controlled firms which wish to sell its organic products in Switzerland, with the aim to ease its recognition by the BIO SUISSE.



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(Conseil des appellations agroalimentaires du Québec)



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CAAQ (Conseil des appellations agroalimentaires du Québec)

Suolo e Salute srl, on November 26th 2004 has been recognized as control and certification body compliant to the Québec Organic Reference Standard (production, processing and labelling standards). All the organic firms, already controlled and certified by Suolo e Salute srl, can therefore sell their products also in the Province of Québec (Canada).

Such recognition has been granted to Suolo e Salute by the CAAQ (Conseil des appellations agroalimentaires du Québec), the authority entrusted by the Canadian Ministry of Agriculture, for the release, management and control of the use of the reserved designation of agricultural foodstuff in the Province of Québec.

Within its duties, CAAQ checks that every single organic product produced outside the Québec territory has been controlled and certified by a Control Body, recognized equivalent to those that work in such province.



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