Livestock production: organic production of agricultural products, indication on foodstuffs (Regul. 2092/91/EEC)

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OBJECTIVE: the object of the proposal is to supplement Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 by laying down harmonized rules on organic production of agricultural products and special provisions specific to livestock production as regards inspection. SUBSTANCE: the proposal lays down general principles for organic livestock farming, covering: - recognition of the interdependence between stock farming the soil with a view to ensuring responsible management of effluents and favouring feed produced on the holding; - consideration for the welfare of the livestock, in particular by eschewing systematic mutilation and eliminating stress during transport and slaughter; - choice of breeds which are adapted to local conditions, search for biological diversity, and the use of natural service; - obligation to manage the whole livestock production unit in accordance with the principles of organic production. The proposal also lays down specific rules for the various types of stock farming concerning: - the origin of the animals, - the rules for conversion from conventional to organic stock farming, - animal feed, - animal-health treatment and care, - animal housing and living environment. Finally, it lays down special provisions specific to livestock production as regards inspection (livestock records).