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

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PURPOSE : to supplement Regulation 2092/91/EEC by establishing rules on organic production and agricultural products and indications referring thereto on agricultural products on foodstuffs to include livestock production. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Regulation 1804/1999/EC supplementing Regulation 2092/91/EEC on organic production of agricultural products and indications referring thereto on agricultural products and foodstuffs to include livestock production. CONTENTS : this Regulation lays down harmonised rules (production, labelling and inspection) in the sector which take account of the increasing growth in the interests of producers and consumers alike. It aims to eliminate the sources of uncertainty both for existing producers and for those who are starting this activity, as well as the problems which hamper the free movement of goods. In order to maintain consumers' confidence in organic production, genetically modified foods and products derived from these organisms must not be used in products which are labelled as being organically produced. Moreover, livestock production is fundamental to the organisation of agricultural production on organic-production holdings insofar as it provides the necessary organic matter and nutrients for cultivated land and accordingly contributes towards soil improvement and the development of sustainable agriculture. ENTRY INTO FORCE : this Regulation will apply from the 24/08/2001, with the exception of the ban on using genetically modified organisms which will applies with immediate effect.