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Organic production: traceability, indications on agricultural products and foodstuffs (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91) **Subject** 3.10.09.04 Organic farming 4.60.02 Consumer information, advertising, labelling	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	AUROI Danielle (V/ALE)	18/02/2003

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
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Key events

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16/01/2003	Legislative proposal published	COM(2003)0014	Summary
10/02/2003	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
04/11/2003	Vote in committee		Summary
04/11/2003	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0392/2003	
04/12/2003	Decision by Parliament	T5-0545/2003	Summary
24/02/2004	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
24/02/2004	End of procedure in Parliament		

03/03/2004	Final act published in Official Journal		

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Organic production: traceability, indications on agricultural products and foodstuffs (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91)

2003/0002(CNS) - 16/01/2003 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to amend Regulation 2092/91/EEC on organic foodstuffs. CONTENT : Council Regulation 2092/913/EEC provides for a harmonised framework for the labelling, production and inspection of agricultural products, which bear indications referring to the organic production method. The following amendments are made: - the Regulation already provides for Community-wide protection of certain terms used to indicate to consumers that a food or feed product, or its ingredients, have been obtained in accordance with the organic production method laid down in that Regulation. That protection also applies to the usual derivatives or diminutives of those terms. The relevant article is amended in order to remove any possibility of misinterpretation as regards the scope of the protection. - the Regulation also provides that operators producing or importing products from third countries are subject to an inspection system. In recent years, some products bearing indications referring to the organic production method have been placed on the market without complying with Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91. Moreover, contamination with herbicides has occurred recently during the storage of products from organic farming. The inspection system is reinforced. All operators throughout the production and the preparation process are made subject to the inspection system. However, retailers not carrying out any operation on the product and selling it directly to the final consumer in sealed packaging are not subject to the inspection system. - in order to respect the obligation of professional secrecy, the inspection authorities are required not to disclose information they obtain. However, the exchange of information is to be allowed between inspection authorities in order to improve traceability and to guarantee compliance with the provisions of Regulation 2092/91/EEC throughout the production and preparation process. - since the Community logo indicating that products are covered by the specific inspection scheme may be used for products imported from third countries, the proposal provides, for reasons of clarity, that equivalent inspection requirements are to be applied to those products.

Organic production: traceability, indications on agricultural products and foodstuffs (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91)

2003/0002(CNS) - 04/12/2003 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Danielle AUROI (Greens/EFA, F) making some amendments to the proposal. (Please see the summary of 04/11/03.) The recital on research states that the development of organic farming calls for more resources to be devoted to research. The European Union should provide a financial contribution as large as that for plant biotechnology, at least in connection with: - replacing sulphur and copper; - organic seed production; - optimum rotation in organic farming; - improving weed control materials.

Organic production: traceability, indications on agricultural products and foodstuffs (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91)

2003/0002(CNS) - 24/02/2004 - Final act

PURPOSE : to amend Regulation 2092/91/EEC on organic foodstuffs. LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Regulation 392/2004/EC amending Regulation 2092/91/EC on organic production of agricultural products and indications referring thereto in agricultural products and foodstuffs. CONTENT : The Council adopted this Regulation by qualified majority, the Spanish delegation voting against it. The new Regulation provides for Community-wide protection of certain terms used to indicate to consumers that a food or feed product or its ingredients, have been obtained in accordance with the organic production methods laid down in Regulation 2092/91/EC. The protection also applies to the usual derivatives or dimunitives of these terms, whether they are used alone or combined. It also provides an inspection system for operators contracting out any of the activities of production, preparation, storing or imports from a third country. However, operators who sell organic products directly to the final consumer may be granted an exemption from the obligation to notify the activity to the competent authority and to submit their undertakings to the established inspection system. A joint statement by the Council and the Commission indicates that Annex III of the regulation could be amended by 1 July 2005 in order to adapt it o the new inspection system. In fact the inspection should be run on the basis of a prior risk analysis assessment. The Spanish delegation issued a statement regarding the use of the word "bio" as regards organic products. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 10/03/04.