



LACON ORGANIC STANDARD

**Organic production standard and Control measures
applied in non-EC Countries**

Equivalency to Regulations (EC) 834/2007 and 889/2008

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Introduction

The LACON Organic Standard is the adaptation of the European Organic Regulation (834/2007, 889/2008) for operators in non-European Countries and has been approved and recognized by the European Commission as equivalent to the European Organic Regulation.

Organic production is an overall system of farm management and food production that combines best environmental practices, a high level of biodiversity, the preservation of natural resources, the application of high animal welfare standards and a production method in line with the preference of certain consumers for products produced using natural substances and processes. The organic production method thus plays a dual societal role, where it on the one hand provides for a specific market responding to a consumer demand for organic products, and on the other hand delivers public goods contributing to the protection of the environment and animal welfare, as well as to rural development.

Thanks to the recognition of the LACON Organic Standard in non-EC countries by the European Commission and the updates of the Regulation 1235/2008 concerning the import measures of organic products from non-EC countries, LACON can propose to the certified operators in non-EC Countries a simplified procedure to access to the organic certification of their project and to the European Community Market.

The accessibility to an organic world was never been so close- be a part of it with us!

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Exchange of information:

Upon a request duly justified by the necessity to guarantee that a product has been produced in accordance with this standard, LACON shall exchange relevant information on the results of its controls with competent authorities, control authorities and other control bodies.

LACON may also exchange such information on its own initiative.

Control visits

1. LACON carries out at least once a year a physical inspection of all operators.
2. LACON may take samples for testing of products not authorised for organic production or for checking production techniques not in conformity with the LACON Organic Standard rules. Samples may also be taken and analysed for detecting possible contamination by products not authorised for organic production. However, such analyses are carried out where the use of products not authorised for organic production is suspected.
3. A control report is drawn up after each visit, countersigned by the operator of the unit or his representative.
4. Moreover, LACON carries out random control visits, primarily unannounced, based on the general evaluation of the risk of noncompliance with the LACON Organic Standard rules, taking into account at least the results of previous controls, the quantity of products concerned and the risk for exchange of products.

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- IFOAM- Smallholder Group Certification: guidance manual for producer organizations, May 2004.
- Commission Européenne- EU guideline for import of organic products into the EU, n°8 guideline for grower group, rev.1, December 2008.
- NOSB Recommendation- Criteria for certification of Grower groups, October 2002.

This version of LACON Organic Standard takes into account following amending Regulations:

For Reg. (EC) 834/007: Reg. (EC) 967/2008, Reg. (EC) 271/2010

For Reg. (EC) 889/2008: Reg. (EC) 1254/2008, Reg. (EC) 271/2010, Reg. (EC) 344/2011, Reg. (EC) 426/2001, Reg. (EC) 203/2012, Reg. (EC) 392/2013.

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Ref.		Ref. EU Regulation	C / E
A.	GENERALITIES		
A.1.	Aim and scope		
A.1.1	<p>The LACON Organic Standard in Non-EC Countries (hereinafter 'LACON Organic Standard') establishes common objectives and principles concerning:</p> <p>a) all stages of production, preparation and distribution of organic products and their control, and</p> <p>b) the use of indications referring to organic production in labeling and advertising.</p>	834-Art.1	C
A.1.2	<p>This LACON Organic Standard shall apply to the following products originating from agriculture, where such products are placed on the market or are intended to be placed on the market:</p> <p>a) live or unprocessed agricultural products;</p> <p>b) processed agricultural products for use as food;</p> <p>c) vegetative propagating material and seeds for cultivation.</p> <p>d) yeasts used as food</p> <p>The products of hunting and fishing of wild animals shall not be considered as organic production.</p>	834-Art.1	C
A.1.3	<p>This LACON Organic Standard shall apply to any operator involved in activities, at any stage of production, preparation and distribution, relating to the products set out in paragraph A.1.2.</p>	834-Art.1	C
A.2.	Definitions		
	<p>For the purposes of the LACON Organic Standard, the following definitions shall apply:</p> <p>a) 'organic production' means the use of the production method compliant with the rules established in this Standard, at all stages of production, preparation and distribution;</p> <p>b) 'stages of production, preparation and distribution' means any stage from and including the primary production of an organic product up to and including its storage, processing, transport, sale or supply to the final consumer, and where relevant labelling, advertising, import, export and</p>	834-Art.2	C

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	<p>subcontracting activities;</p> <p>c) 'organic' means coming from or related to organic production;</p> <p>d) 'operator' means the natural or legal persons responsible for ensuring that the requirements of this LACON Organic Standard are met within the organic business under their control;</p> <p>e) 'plant production' means production of agricultural crop products including harvesting of wild plant products for commercial purposes;</p> <p>f) 'livestock production' means the production of domestic or domesticated terrestrial animals (including insects);</p> <p>g) 'conversion' means the transition from non organic to organic farming within a given period of time, during which the provisions concerning the organic production have been applied;</p> <p>h) 'preparation' means the operations of preserving and/or processing of organic products, including slaughter and cutting for livestock products, and also packaging, labeling and/or alterations made to the labelling concerning the organic production method;</p> <p>i) 'labelling' means any terms, words, particulars, trade marks, brand name, pictorial matter or symbol relating to and placed on any packaging, document, notice, label, board, ring or collar accompanying or referring to a product;</p> <p>j) 'advertising' means any representation to the public, by any means other than a label, that is intended or is likely to influence and shape attitude, beliefs and behaviours in order to promote directly or indirectly the sale of organic products;</p> <p>k) 'control body' means an independent private third party carrying out inspection and certification in the field of organic production in accordance with the provisions set out under this LACON Organic Standard or another as equivalent recognized Standard;</p> <p>l) 'mark of conformity' means the assertion of conformity to a particular set of standards or other normative documents in the form of a mark;</p>		
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	<p>m) 'produced from GMOs' means derived in whole or in part from GMOs but not containing or consisting of GMOs;</p> <p>n) 'produced by GMOs' means derived by using a GMO as the last living organism in the production process, but not containing or consisting of GMOs nor produced from GMOs;</p> <p>o) 'equivalent', in describing different systems or measures, means that they are capable of meeting the same objectives and principles by applying rules which ensure the same level of assurance of conformity;</p> <p>p) 'processing aid' means any substance not consumed as a food ingredient by itself, intentionally used in the processing of raw materials, foods or their ingredients, to fulfill a certain technological purpose during treatment or processing and which may result in the unintentional but technically unavoidable presence of residues of the substance or its derivatives in the final product, provided that these residues do not present any health risk and do not have any technological effect on the finished product;</p> <p>q) "control file" means all the information and documents transmitted, for the purposes of the control system, to the competent authorities of the Member State or to control authorities and control bodies by an operator subject to the control system as referred to in A.7.2.4., including all the relevant information and documents relating to that operator or the activities of that operator held by competent authorities, control authorities and control bodies, with the exception of information or documents that have no bearing on the operation of the control system.</p>		
		889-Art.2 (amending Reg. (EC) 392/2013)	C
A.3.	Objectives for organic production		
	<p>Organic production shall pursue the following general objectives:</p> <p>a) establish a sustainable management system for agriculture that:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">i) respects nature's systems and cycles and sustains and enhances the health of soil, water, plants and animals and the balance between them;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">ii) contributes to a high level of biological diversity;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">iii) makes responsible use of energy and the natural resources, such as water, soil, organic matter and air;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">iv) respects high animal welfare standards and in particular</p>	834-Art.3	C

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	<p>meets animals' species-specific behavioural needs;</p> <p>b) aim at producing products of high quality;</p> <p>c) aim at producing a wide variety of foods and other agricultural products that respond to consumers' demand for goods produced by the use of processes that do not harm the environment, human health, plant health or animal health and welfare.</p>		
A.4.	Principles for organic production		
A.4.1.	Overall principles		
	<p>Organic production shall be based on the following principles:</p> <p>a) the appropriate design and management of biological processes based on ecological systems using natural resources which are internal to the system by methods that:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">i) use living organisms and mechanical production methods;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">ii) practice land-related crop cultivation and livestock production or practice aquaculture which complies with the principle of sustainable exploitation of fisheries;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">iii) exclude the use of GMOs and products produced from or by GMOs with the exception of veterinary medicinal products;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">iv) are based on risk assessment, and the use of precautionary and preventive measures, when appropriate;</p> <p>b) the restriction of the use of external inputs. Where external inputs are required or the appropriate management practices and methods referred to in paragraph (a) do not exist, these shall be limited to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">i) inputs from organic production;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">ii) natural or naturally-derived substances;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">iii) low solubility mineral fertilisers;</p> <p>c) the strict limitation of the use of chemically synthesized inputs to exceptional cases these being:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">i) where the appropriate management practices do not exist; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">ii) the external inputs referred to in paragraph (b) are not available on the market; or</p>	834-Art.4	C

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	<p>iii) where the use of external inputs referred to in paragraph (b) contributes to unacceptable environmental impacts;</p> <p>d) the adaptation, where necessary, and within the framework of this LACON Organic Standard, of the rules of organic production taking account of sanitary status, regional differences in climate and local conditions, stages of development and specific husbandry practices.</p>		
A.4.2.	Specific principles applicable to farming		
	<p>In addition to the overall principles set out in A.4.1., organic farming shall be based on the following specific principles:</p> <p>a) the maintenance and enhancement of soil life and natural soil fertility, soil stability and soil biodiversity preventing and combating soil compaction and soil erosion, and the nourishing of plants primarily through the soil ecosystem;</p> <p>b) the minimisation of the use of non-renewable resources and off-farm inputs;</p> <p>c) the recycling of wastes and by-products of plant and animal origin as input in plant and livestock production;</p> <p>d) taking account of the local or regional ecological balance when taking production decisions;</p> <p>e) the maintenance of animal health by encouraging the natural immunological defence of the animal, as well as the selection of appropriate breeds and husbandry practices;</p> <p>f) the maintenance of plant health by preventative measures, such as the choice of appropriate species and varieties resistant to pests and diseases, appropriate crop rotations, mechanical and physical methods and the protection of natural enemies of pests;</p> <p>g) the practice of site-adapted and land-related livestock production;</p> <p>h) the observance of a high level of animal welfare respecting species-specific needs;</p> <p>i) the production of products of organic livestock from animals that have been raised on organic holdings since birth or hatching and throughout their life;</p> <p>j) the choice of breeds having regard to the capacity of</p>	834-Art.5	C

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	<p>animals to adapt to local conditions, their vitality and their resistance to disease or health problems;</p> <p>k) the feeding of livestock with organic feed composed of agricultural ingredients from organic farming and of natural non-agricultural substances;</p> <p>l) the application of animal husbandry practices, which enhance the immune system and strengthen the natural defence against diseases, in particular including regular exercise and access to open air areas and pastureland where appropriate;</p> <p>m) the exclusion of rearing artificially induced polyploidy animals;</p>		
A.4.3.	Specific principles applicable to processing of organic food		
	<p>In addition to the overall principles set out in A.4.1., the production of processed organic food shall be based on the following specific principles:</p> <p>a) the production of organic food from organic agricultural ingredients, except where an ingredient is not available on the market in organic form;</p> <p>b) the restriction of the use of food additives, of non organic ingredients with mainly technological and sensory functions and of micronutrients and processing aids, so that they are used to a minimum extent and only in case of essential technological need or for particular nutritional purposes;</p> <p>c) the exclusion of substances and processing methods that might be misleading regarding the true nature of the product;</p> <p>d) the processing of food with care, preferably with the use of biological, mechanical and physical methods.</p>	834-Art.6	C
A.5.	General production rules		
A.5.1.	General requirements for compliance with the LACON Organic Standard		
	Operators shall comply with the production rules set out in A.5. of LACON Organic Standard.	834-Art.8	C
A.5.2.	Prohibition on the use of GMOs		
A.5.2.1.	GMOs and products produced from or by GMOs shall not be used as food, feed, processing aids, plant protection products, fertilizers, soil conditioners, seeds, vegetative propagating material, micro-organisms and animals in organic production.	834-Art.9	C

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A.5.2.2.	<p>For the purpose of the prohibition referred to in paragraph 1 concerning GMOs or products produced from GMOs for food and feed, operators may rely on the labels accompanying a product or any other accompanying document, affixed or provided on food or feed.</p> <p>Operators may assume that no GMOs or products produced from GMOs have been used in the manufacture of purchased food and feed products when the latter are not labeled, or accompanied by a document, pursuant to European Regulations, unless they have obtained other information indicating that labeling of the products in question is not in conformity with those Regulations.</p>	834-Art.9	C
A.5.2.3.	For the purpose of the prohibition referred to in paragraph 1, with regard to products not being food or feed, or products produced by GMOs, operators using such non-organic products purchased from third parties shall require the vendor to confirm that the products supplied have not been produced from or by GMOs.	834-Art.9	C
A.5.3.	Prohibition on the use of ionising radiation		
	The use of ionising radiation for the treatment of organic food or feed, or of raw materials used in organic food or feed is prohibited.	834-Art.10	C
A.6.	Labeling		
A.6.1.	Use of terms referring to organic production		
A.6.1.1.	<p>For the purposes of this LACON Organic Standard, a product shall be regarded as bearing terms referring to the organic production method where, in the labelling, advertising material or commercial documents, such a product, its ingredients or feed materials are described in terms suggesting to the purchaser that the product, its ingredients or feed materials have been obtained in accordance with the rules laid down in this LACON Organic Standard.</p> <p>In the labelling and advertising of live or unprocessed agricultural products terms referring to the organic production method may be used only where, in addition, all the ingredients of that product have also been produced in accordance with the requirements laid down in this Standard.</p>	834-Art.23	C
A.6.1.2.	The terms referred to in paragraph 1 shall not be used for the labeling, advertising and commercial documents of a product which does not satisfy the requirements set out under this Standard, unless they are not applied to agricultural products in food or clearly have no connection with organic production.	834-Art.23	C

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A.6.1.3.	The terms referred to in paragraph 1 shall not be used for a product for which it has to be indicated in the labelling or advertising that it contains GMOs, consists of GMOs or is produced from GMOs.	834-Art.23	C
A.6.2.	Compulsory indications		
	<p>Where terms as referred to in A.6.1. are used:</p> <p>a) the code number referred to LACON, as far as LACON is responsible for the control of the operator who has carried out the most recent production or preparation operation is subject, shall also appear in the labelling;</p> <p>b) the Community logo as regards pre-packaged food shall also appear on the packaging;</p> <p>c) where the Community logo is used, an indication of the place where the agricultural raw materials of which the product is composed have been farmed, shall also appear in the same visual field as the logo and shall take one of the following forms, as appropriate:</p> <p>— ‘EU Agriculture’, where the agricultural raw material has been farmed in the EU,</p> <p>— ‘non-EU Agriculture’, where the agricultural raw material has been farmed in third countries,</p> <p>— ‘EU/non-EU Agriculture’, where part of the agricultural raw materials has been farmed in the Community and a part of it has been farmed in a third country.</p> <p>The above mentioned indication ‘EU’ or ‘non-EU’ may be replaced or supplemented by a country in the case where all agricultural raw materials of which the product is composed have been farmed in that country.</p> <p>For the above mentioned ‘EU’ or ‘non-EU’ indication, small quantities by weight of ingredients may be disregarded provided that the total quantity of the disregarded ingredients does not exceed 2 % of the total quantity by weight of raw materials of agricultural origin.</p> <p>The above mentioned ‘EU’ or ‘non-EU’ indication shall not appear in a colour, size and style of lettering more prominent than the sales description of the product.</p> <p>The use of the Community logo and the indication referred to</p>	834-Art.24	C

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	in the first subparagraph shall be optional for products imported from third countries. However, where the Community logo appears in the labelling, the indication referred to in the first subparagraph shall also appear in the labelling.		
	The indications referred to in paragraph 1 shall be marked in a conspicuous place in such a way as to be easily visible, clearly legible and indelible.	834-Art.24	C
A.6.3.	Organic production logos		
A.6.3.1.	The Community organic production logo may be used in the labelling, presentation and advertising of products which satisfy the requirements set out under this LACON Organic Standard. The Community logo shall not be used in the case of in-conversion products.	834-Art.25	C
A.6.3.2.	National and private logos may be used in the labelling, presentation and advertising of products which satisfy the requirements set out under this Standard.	834-Art.25	C
A.6.4.	Community logo		
	In accordance with A.6.3., the organic production logo of the European Union (hereinafter 'Community logo') shall follow the model in Annex II to this Standard. The Community logo shall only be used for products produced in accordance with the requirements of Regulation (EC) 834/2007, of Commission Regulation (EC) 1235/2008 and of this Standard by operators complying the requirements of the control system referring to this Standard.	889-Art.57	C
A.6.5.	Conditions for the use of the code number and place of origin		
A.6.5.1.	The indication of the code number of LACON referred to in A.6.2. shall, a) start with the acronym identifying the third country, as referred to in the international standard for the two letter country codes under ISO 3166 (<i>Codes for the representation of names of countries and their subdivisions</i>); b) include a term which establishes a link with the organic production method, as referred to in A.6.1. and Annex II of this Standard; c) include a reference number decided by the European Commission (see Annex II of this Standard); and	889-Art.58	C

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	d) be placed in the same visual field as the Community logo, where the Community logo is used in the labelling.		
A.6.5.2.	The indication of the place where the agricultural raw materials of which the products is composed have been farmed, as referred to in A.6.2. of this Standard, shall be placed immediately below the code number referred to in paragraph 1.	889-Art.58	C
A.7.	Controls		
A.7.1.	Control system		
	In the LACON Standard Supervisory Program, routine kind and frequency of controls on the basis of an evaluation of the risk of the occurrence of irregularities and offences are determined regarding the fulfillment of the requirements of this LACON Organic Standard. In any case, all operators, <u>including the wholesalers dealing only with pre-packaged products and operators selling to the final consumer</u> , shall be subject to a verification of compliance at least once a year.	834-Art.27	E
A.7.2.	Adherence to the control system		
A.7.2.1.	Any operator, wishing to be certified by LACON according the requirements of LACON Organic Standard and who produces, prepares, stores, or imports from a third country products in the meaning of A.1.2. or who places such products on the market shall, prior to placing on the market of any products as organic notify his activity to LACON; This shall apply also to exporters who export products produced in compliance with the production rules laid down in this LACON Organic Standard. Where an operator contracts out any of the activities to a third party, that operator shall nonetheless be subject to the requirements referred to in paragraph 1 and the subcontracted activities shall be subject to the control system.	834-Art.28	C
A.7.2.2.	LACON shall ensure that any operator who complies with the rules of this LACON Organic Standard, and who pays a reasonable fee as a contribution to the control expenses, is entitled to be covered by the control system.	834-Art.28	C
A.7.2.3.	LACON shall keep an updated list containing the names and addresses of operators under their control. This list shall be made available to the interested parties.	834-Art.28	C

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A.7.3.	Controls of the operation		
A.7.3.1.	Control arrangements and undertaking by the operator		
A.7.3.1.1.	<p>When the control arrangements are first implemented, the operator shall draw up and subsequently maintain:</p> <p>a) a full description of the unit and/or premises and/or activity; b) all the practical measures to be taken at the level of the unit and/or premises and/or activity to ensure compliance with the organic production rules;</p> <p>c) the precautionary measures to be taken in order to reduce the risk of contamination by unauthorised products or substances and the cleaning measures to be taken in storage places and throughout the operator's production chain.</p> <p>Where appropriate, the description and measures provided for in the first subparagraph may be part of a quality system as set up by the operator.</p> <p>(d) to accept, in cases where the operator and/or the subcontractors of that operator are checked by different control authorities or control bodies in accordance with the control system set up by Member State concerned, the exchange of information between those authorities or bodies;</p> <p>(e) to accept, in cases where the operator and/or the subcontractors of that operator change their control authority or control body, the transmission of their control files to the subsequent control authority or control body;</p> <p>(f) to accept, in cases where the operator withdraws from the control system, to inform without delay the relevant competent authority and control authority or control body;</p> <p>(g) to accept, in cases where the operator withdraws from the control system, that the control file is kept for a period of at least five years;</p> <p>(h) to accept to inform the relevant control authority or authorities or control body or bodies without delay of any irregularity or infringement affecting the organic status of their product or organic products received from other operators or subcontractors.</p>	889-Art.63	C
		889-Art.63 (amending Reg. (EC) 392/2013)	C
A.7.3.1.2.	The description and the measures referred to in paragraph 1 shall be contained in a declaration, signed by the responsible operator. In addition, this declaration shall include an undertaking by the operator:	889-Art.63	C

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	<p>a) to perform the operations in accordance with the organic production rules;</p> <p>b) to accept, in the event of infringement or irregularities, the enforcement of the measures of the organic production rules;</p> <p>c) to undertake to inform in writing the buyers of the product in order to ensure that the indications referring to the organic production method are removed from this production.</p> <p>The declaration provided for in the first subparagraph shall be verified by LACON that issues a report identifying the possible deficiencies and non-compliances with the organic production rules. The operator shall countersign this report and take the necessary corrective measures.</p>		
A.7.3.1.3.	<p>For the application of A.7.2. of this Standard, the operator shall notify the following information to LACON:</p> <p>a) Name and address of operator;</p> <p>b) Location of premises and, where appropriate, parcels (land register data) where operations are carried out;</p> <p>c) Nature of operations and products;</p> <p>d) Undertaking by the operator to carry out the operation in accordance with the provision laid down in this Standard;</p> <p>e) In the case of an agricultural holding, the date on which the producer ceased to apply products not authorised for organic production on the parcels concerned;</p>	889-Art.63	C
A.7.3.2.	Modification of control arrangement		
	The operator responsible shall notify any change in the description or of the measures referred in A.7.3.1., A.11.4., A.12.3.2. as well as specific measures referred in B.7.3., C.6.3., D.8.2.2. and E.7.3.1. to LACON in due time.	889-Art.64	C
A.7.3.3.	Control visits		
A.7.3.3.1.	LACON shall carry out at least once a year a physical inspection of all operators.	889-Art.65	C
A.7.3.3.2.	LACON shall take and analyse samples for detecting of products not authorised for organic production, for checking production techniques not in conformity with the organic production rules or for detecting possible contamination by products not authorised for organic production. The number of	889-Art.65 (amending Reg. (EC) 392/2013)	C

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	<p>samples to be taken and analysed by LACON every year shall correspond to at least 5 % of the number of operators under its control. The selection of the operators where samples have to be taken shall be based on the general evaluation of the risk of non- compliance with the organic production rules. This general evaluation shall take into account all stages of production, preparation and distribution.</p> <p>LACON body shall take and analyse samples in each case where the use of products or techniques not authorised for organic production is suspected. In such cases no minimum number of samples to be taken and analysed shall apply.</p> <p>Samples may also be taken and analysed by LACON in any other case for detecting of products not authorised for organic production, for checking production techniques not in conformity with the organic production rules or for detecting possible contamination by products not authorised for organic production.</p>		
A.7.3.3.3.	A control report shall be drawn up after each visit, countersigned by the operator of the unit or his representative.	889-Art.65	C
A.7.3.3.4.	Moreover, LACON shall carry out random control visits, based on the general evaluation of the risk of non-compliance with the organic production rules, taking into account at least the results of previous controls, the quantity of products concerned and the risk for exchange of products.	889-Art.65	C
A.7.3.4.	Recordkeeping		
A.7.3.4.1.	<p>Stock and financial records shall be kept in the unit or premises and shall enable the operator to identify and LACON to verify:</p> <p>a) the supplier and, where different, the seller, or the exporter of the products;</p> <p>b) the nature and the quantities of organic products delivered to the unit and, where relevant, of all materials bought and the use of such materials;</p> <p>c) the nature and the quantities of organic products held in storage at the premises;</p> <p>d) the nature, the quantities and the consignees and, where different, the buyers, other than the final consumers, of any</p>	889-Art.66	C

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	<p>products which have left the unit or the first consignee's premises or storage facilities;</p> <p>e) in case of operators who do not store or physically handle such organic products, the nature and the quantities of organic products bought and sold, and the suppliers, and where different, the sellers or the exporters and the buyers, and where different, the consignees.</p>		
A.7.3.4.2.	The documentary accounts shall also comprise the results of the verification at reception of organic products and any other information required by LACON for the purpose of proper control. The data in the accounts shall be documented with appropriate justification documents. The accounts shall demonstrate the balance between the input and the output.	889-Art.66	C
A.7.3.4.3.	Where an operator runs several production units in the same area, the units for non organic products, together with storage premises for input products must also be subject to the minimum control requirements.	889-Art.66	C
A.7.3.5.	Access to facilities		
	<p>The operator shall:</p> <p>a) give LACON, for control purposes, access to all parts of the units and all premises, as well as to the accounts and relevant supporting documents;</p> <p>b) provide LACON with any information reasonably necessary for the purposes of the control;</p> <p>c) submit, when requested by LACON, the results of its own quality assurance programmes.</p>	889-Art.67	C
A.8.	Documentary evidence		
A.8.1.	LACON shall provide documentary evidence ("certificate") to any such operator who is subject to his control and who in the sphere of his activities, meets the requirements laid down in this Standard. The documentary evidence shall at least permit the identification of the operator and the type of range of products as well as the period of validity.	834-Art.29	C
A.8.2.	<p>The operator shall verify the documentary evidence of his suppliers.</p> <p>Following proofs are accepted:</p> <p>i) Certificates over products of equivalent warranties of the</p>	834-Art.29	C E

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	<p>European Commission recognition, with valid transaction certificate of an accredited control body;</p> <p>ii) Certificates of conformal products of the European Commission recognition, with valid transaction certificate of an accredited control body;</p> <p>iii) Products with valid import authorization of an European Union member state, with valid transaction certificate of an accredited control body;</p> <p>iv) Exports from the European Union with valid transaction certificate of an accredited control body.</p>		
A.9.	Measures in case of infringements and irregularities		
A.9.1.	<p>Where an irregularity is found as regards compliance with the requirements laid down in this LACON Organic Standard, LACON shall ensure that no reference to the organic production method is made in the labelling and advertising of the entire lot or production run affected by this irregularity, where this would be proportionate to the relevance of the requirement that has been violated and to the nature and particular circumstances of the irregular activities.</p> <p>Where a severe infringement or an infringement with prolonged effect is found, LACON shall prohibit the operator concerned from marketing products which refer to the organic production method in the labelling and advertising for a period to be agreed with the competent authority of the Member State.</p>	834-Art.30	C
A.9.2.	<p>Where an operator considers or suspects that a product which he has produced, prepared, imported or that he has received from another operator, is not in compliance with organic production rules, he shall initiate procedures either to withdraw from this product any reference to the organic production method or to separate and identify the product. He may only put it into processing or packaging or on the market after elimination of that doubt, unless it is placed on the market without indication referring to the organic production method.</p> <p>In case of such doubt, the operator shall immediately inform LACON. LACON may require that the product cannot be placed on the market with indications referring to the organic production method until it is satisfied, by the information received from the operator or from other sources, that the doubt has been eliminated.</p>	889-Art.91	C

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A.9.3.	<p>Where LACON has a substantiated suspicion that an operator intends to place on the market a product not in compliance with the organic production rules but bearing a reference to the organic production method, LACON can require that the operator may provisionally not market the product with this reference for a time period to be set by LACON. Before taking such a decision, LACON shall allow the operator to comment. This decision shall be supplemented by the obligation to withdraw from this product any reference to the organic production method if LACON is sure that the product does not fulfill the requirements of organic production.</p> <p>However, if the suspicion is not confirmed within the said time period, the decision referred to in the first subparagraph shall be cancelled not later than the expiry of that time period. The operator shall cooperate fully with LACON in resolving the suspicion.</p>	889-Art.91	C
A.9.4.	LACON adopts an own catalogue (LACON- catalog of measures) listing infringements and irregularities affecting the organic status of products and corresponding measures to be applied in case of infringements or irregularities by operators under its control who are involved in organic production.	889- Art.92(d) (amending Reg. (EC) 392/2013)	E
A.10.	Exchange of information between control authorities, control bodies and competent authorities		
A.10.1.	Information on cases of irregularities or infringements affecting the organic status of a product must be immediately communicated between the concerned control bodies control authorities, competent authorities and Member States concerned and, where appropriate, to the Commission.. The level of communication shall depend on the severity and the extent of the irregularity or infringement found.	834-Art.30	C
A.10.2.	Upon a request duly justified by the necessity to guarantee that a product has been produced in accordance with this Regulation, the competent authorities, control authorities and the control bodies shall exchange relevant information on the results of their controls with other competent authorities, control authorities and control bodies. They may also exchange such information on their own initiative.	834-Art.30	C
A.10.3.	Where the operator and/or the subcontractors of that operator are checked by different control authorities or control bodies, the control authorities or control bodies shall exchange the relevant information on the operations under their control.	889-Art.92 (amending Reg. (EC) 392/2013)	C
A.10.4.	Where operators and/or their subcontractors change their	889-Art.92	C
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	<p>control authority or control body, the change shall be notified without delay to the competent authority by the control authorities or control bodies concerned.</p> <p>The previous control authority or control body shall hand over the relevant elements of the control file of the operator concerned and the reports referred to in the second subparagraph of Article 63(2) (A.7.3.1. for operators certified by LACON) to the subsequent control authority or control body.</p> <p>The new control authority or control body shall ensure that non-conformities noted in the report of the previous control authority or control body have been or are being addressed by the operator.</p>	(amending Reg. (EC) 392/2013)	
A.10.5.	Where the operator withdraws from the control system, the control authority or control body of that operator shall, without delay, inform the competent authority.	889-Art.92 (amending Reg. (EC) 392/2013)	C
A.10.6.	<p>Where a control authority or control body finds irregularities or infringements affecting the organic status of products, it shall without delay inform the competent authority of the Member State (or the EU Commission via OFIS databank) which designated or approved it in accordance with A.7.1.</p> <p>That competent authority may require, on its own initiative, also any other information on irregularities or infringements.</p> <p>In case of irregularities or infringements found with regard to products under the control of other control authorities or control bodies, it shall also inform those authorities or bodies without delay.</p>	889-Art.92 (amending Reg. (EC) 392/2013)	C
A.11.	Collection, package, transport, storage of products and subcontracted processing		
A.11.1.	Collection of products and transport to preparation units		
	<p>Operators may carry out simultaneous collection of organic and non-organic products, only where appropriate measures are taken to prevent any possible mixture or exchange with non-organic products and to ensure the identification of the organic products.</p> <p>The operator shall keep the information relating to collection days, hours, circuit and date and time of reception of the products available to LACON.</p>	889-Art.30	C
A.11.2.	Packaging and transport of products to other operators or units		
A.11.2.1.	Operators shall ensure that organic products are transported to other units, including wholesalers and retailers, only in	889-Art.31	C

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	<p>appropriate packaging, containers or vehicles closed in such a manner that substitution of the content cannot be achieved without manipulation or damage of the seal and provided with a label stating, without prejudice to any other indications required by law:</p> <p>a) the name and address of the operator and, where different, of the owner or seller of the product;</p> <p>b) the name of the product or a description of the compound feedingstuff accompanied by a reference to the organic production method;</p> <p>c) the name and/or the code number of LACON (control body to which the operator is subject); and</p> <p>d) where relevant, the lot identification mark according to a marking system either approved at national level or agreed with LACON and which permits to link the lot with the accounts referred to in A.7.3.4.</p> <p>The information referred to in points (a) to (d) of the first subparagraph may also be presented on an accompanying document, if such a document can be undeniably linked with the packaging, container or vehicular transport of the product. This accompanying document shall include information on the supplier and/or the transporter.</p>		
A.11.2.2.	<p>The closing of packaging, containers or vehicles shall not be required where:</p> <p>a) transportation is direct between an operator and another operator who are both subject to the organic control system, and</p> <p>b) the products are accompanied by a document giving the information required under paragraph 1, and</p> <p>c) both the expediting and the receiving operators shall keep documentary records of such transport operations available for LACON of such transport operations.</p>	889-Art.31	C
A.11.3.	Reception of products from other units and other operators		
A.11.3.1.	<p>On receipt of an organic product, the operator shall check the closing of the packaging or container where it is required and the presence of the indications provided to in Article A.11.2.</p> <p>The operator shall crosscheck the information on the label</p>	889-Art.33	C

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	referred to in A.11.2. with the information on the accompanying documents. The result of these verifications shall be explicitly mentioned in the documentary accounts referred to in A.7.3.4.		
A.11.3.2.	The operator shall verify the documentary evidence (certificate, transaction certificates, etc..) of his suppliers.	834-Art.29	C
A.11.4.	Storage of products		
A.11.4.1.	For the storage of products, areas shall be managed in such a way as to ensure identification of lots and to avoid any mixing with or contamination by products and/or substances not in compliance with the organic production rules. Organic products shall be clearly identifiable at all times.	889-Art.35	C
A.11.4.2.	In case of organic plant and livestock production units, storage of input products other than those authorised under this Standard is prohibited in the production unit.	889-Art.35	C
A.11.4.3.	In case where operators handle both non-organic products and organic products and the latter are stored in storage facilities in which also other agricultural products or foodstuffs are stored: a) the organic products shall be kept separate from the other agricultural products and/or foodstuffs; b) every measure shall be taken to ensure identification of consignments and to avoid mixtures or exchanges with non-organic products; c) suitable cleaning measures, the effectiveness of which has been checked, have been carried out before the storage of organic products; operators shall record these operations.	889-Art.35	C
A.12.	Trade with Third Countries		
A.12.1.	Export of compliant products		
	A product exported from a recognized Third Country and certified by LACON may be placed on the Community market as organic provided that: a) the certified product complies with the provisions set out in LACON Organic Standard; b) all operators, including the exporters, have been subject to control by a control authority or control body recognised by the Commission; c) the operators concerned shall be able to provide at any	834-Art.32(1)	C

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	time, to the importers or the national authorities, documentary evidence as referred to in A.8. permitting the identification of the operator who carried out the last operation and the verification of compliance by that operator with points (a) and (b), issued by the control authority or control body referred to in point (b).		
A.12.2.	Export of products providing equivalent guarantees		
	<p>A product exported from a recognized third country may also be placed on the Community market as organic provided that:</p> <p>a) the product has been produced in accordance with production rules equivalent to those referred to in A.5. (Production rules) and A.6. (Labeling);</p> <p>b) the operators have been subject to control measures of equivalent effectiveness to those referred to in A.7. (Controls) and such control measures have been permanently and effectively applied;</p> <p>c) the operators at all stages of production, preparation and distribution in the third country have submitted their activities to a control system recognised in accordance with paragraph 2 or to a control authority or control body recognised in accordance with paragraph 3;</p> <p>d) the product is covered by a certificate of inspection issued by the competent authorities, control authorities or control bodies of the third country recognised in accordance with paragraph 2, or by a control authority or control body recognised in accordance with paragraph 3, which confirms that the product satisfies the conditions set out in this paragraph.</p> <p>The original of the certificate referred to in this paragraph shall accompany the goods to the premises of the first consignee;</p> <p>thereafter the exporter must keep the certificate at the disposal of the control authority or the control body for not less than two years.</p>	834- Art.33(1)	C

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B.	PLANT PRODUCTION		
B.1.	Definitions		
	In addition to the definitions referred in A.2. of LACON Organic Standard, the following definitions shall apply for the purposes of this Standard: a) 'non-organic' means not coming from or not related to a production in accordance to this Standard; b) 'holding' means all the production units operated under a single management for the purpose of producing agricultural products; c) 'production unit' meaning all assets to be used for a production sector such as production premises, land parcels, pasturages, open air areas, the premises for the storage of crops, crop products, raw materials and any other input relevant for this specific production sector;	889-Art.2	C
B.2.	Principles for organic production		
B.2.1.	Overall principles		
	See point A.4.1.	834-Art.4	C
B.2.2.	Specific principles applicable to plant production		
	In addition to the overall principles set out in A.4.1., organic plant production shall be based on the following specific principles: a) the maintenance and enhancement of soil life and natural soil fertility, soil stability and soil biodiversity preventing and combating soil compaction and soil erosion, and the nourishing of plants primarily through the soil ecosystem; b) the minimisation of the use of non-renewable resources and off-farm inputs; c) the recycling of wastes and by-products of plant and animal origin as input in plant and livestock production; d) taking account of the local or regional ecological balance when taking production decisions;	834-Art.5	C
B.3.	Plant production rules		
B.3.1.	General requirements		
	The entire agricultural holding shall be managed in compliance with the requirements applicable to organic production.	834-Art.11	C

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	<p>A holding may be split up into clearly separated units which are not all managed under organic production. As regards plants, different varieties that can be easily differentiated shall be involved.</p> <p>Where not all units of a holding are used for organic production, the operator shall keep the land, animals, and products used for, or produced by, the organic units separate from those used for, or produced by, the non-organic unit.</p> <p>The separation must be able to be reconstructed by LACON inspector plausibly.</p>		
B.3.2.	Products and substances used in farming and criteria for their authorisation		
B.3.2.1.	<p>LACON authorises for use in organic production and includes in a restricted list the products and substances, which may be used in organic farming for the following purposes:</p> <p>a) as plant protection products (Annex II of Regulation (EC) 889/2008);</p> <p>b) as fertilisers and soil conditioners (Annex I of Regulation (EC) 889/2008);</p> <p>c) as products for cleaning and disinfection of buildings and installations used for plant production, including storage on an agricultural holding.</p>	834-Art.16	C
B.3.2.2.	<p>The authorisation of the products and substances referred to in paragraph 1 is subject to the objectives and principles referred in A.3. and A.4. and the following general and specific criteria which shall be evaluated as a whole:</p> <p>a) their use is necessary for sustained production and essential for its intended use;</p> <p>b) all products and substances shall be of plant, animal, microbial or mineral origin except where products or substances from such sources are not available in sufficient quantities or qualities or if alternatives are not available;</p> <p>c) in the case of products referred to in paragraph 1(a), the following shall apply:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">i) their use is essential for the control of a harmful organism or a particular disease for which other biological, physical or breeding alternatives or cultivation practices or other effective</p>	834-Art.16	C

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	<p>management practices are not available;</p> <p>ii) if products are not of plant, animal, microbial or mineral origin and are not identical to their natural form, they may be authorised only if their conditions for use preclude any direct contact with the edible parts of the crop;</p> <p>d) in the case of products referred to in paragraph 1(b), their use is essential for obtaining or maintaining the fertility of the soil or to fulfill specific nutrition requirements of crops, or specific soil-conditioning purposes;</p>		
B.3.2.3.	The use of products and substances not covered under paragraph 1, and subject to the objectives and principles referred in A.3., A.4. and the general criteria in B.3.2., shall be allowed in organic farming.	834-Art.16	C
B.3.3.	Conversion		
B.3.3.1.	Conversion – General requirements		
	<p>The following rules shall apply to a farm on which organic production is started:</p> <p>a) the conversion period shall start at the earliest when the operator has notified his activity to the competent authorities and subjected his holding to the control system in accordance with A.7.2.1.;</p> <p>b) during the conversion period all rules established by this Standard shall apply;</p> <p>c) conversion periods specific to the type of crop production shall be defined;</p> <p>d) on a holding or unit partly under organic production and partly in conversion to organic production, the operator shall keep the organically produced and in-conversion products separate and the animals separate or readily separable and keep adequate records to show the separation;</p> <p>e) in order to determine the conversion period referred to above, a period immediately preceding the date of the start of the conversion period, may be taken into account, in so far as certain conditions concur;</p>	834-Art.17	C
B.3.3.2.	Conversion – Plants and plant products		
B.3.3.2.1.	For plants and plant products to be considered organic, the production rules as referred to A.5.2.,A.5.3., B.3.1., B.3.5.1., B.3.6., B.3.7., B.3.8., B.3.9., B.3.10. as well as to B.4. of this Standard and where applicable the exceptional production	889-Art.36	C

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	rules in B.3.4. of this Standard must have been applied on the parcels during a conversion period of at least two years before sowing, or, in the case of grassland or perennial forage, at least two years before its use as feed from organic farming, or, in the case of perennial crops other than forage, at least three years before the first harvest of organic products.		
B.3.3.2.2.	LACON may decide to recognise retroactively as being part of the conversion period any previous period in which the parcels were natural or agricultural areas which were not treated with products not authorised for organic production. The period referred to in the first subparagraph can be taken into consideration retroactively only where satisfactory proof has been furnished to LACON allowing it to satisfy itself that the conditions were met for a period of at least three years.	889-Art.36	C
B.3.3.2.3.	LACON may decide, in certain cases, where the land had been contaminated with products not authorised for organic production, to extend the conversion period beyond the period referred to paragraph 1.	889-Art.36	C
B.3.4.	Parallel Production		
	A producer may run organic and non-organic production units in the same area: a) in the case of the production of perennial crops, which require a cultivation period of at least three years, where varieties cannot be easily differentiated, provided the following conditions are met: i) the production in question forms part of a conversion plan in respect of which the producer gives a firm undertaking and which provides for the beginning of the conversion of the last part of the area concerned to organic production in the shortest possible period which may not in any event exceed a maximum of five years; ii) appropriate measures have been taken to ensure the permanent separation of the products obtained from each unit concerned; iii) LACON is notified of the harvest of each of the products concerned at least 48 hours in advance; iv) upon completion of the harvest, the producer informs LACON of the exact quantities harvested on the units concerned and of the measures applied to separate the	889-Art.40	C

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	<p>products;</p> <p>v) the conversion plan and the control measures referred to in B.3.3.2. have been approved by LACON; this approval shall be confirmed each year after the start of the conversion plan;</p> <p>b) in the case of production of seed, vegetative propagating material and transplants and provided the conditions set out in point (a)(ii)(iii)(iv) and the relevant part of point (v) are met;</p> <p>c) in the case of grassland exclusively used for grazing for organic livestock.</p>		
B.3.5.	Seeds and vegetative propagating material		
B.3.5.1.	General requirements		
	<p>For the production of products other than seed and vegetative propagating material only organically produced seed and propagating material shall be used.</p> <p>To this end, the mother plant in the case of seeds and the parent plant in the case of vegetative propagating material shall have been produced in accordance with the rules laid down in this Standard for at least one generation, or, in the case of perennial crops, two growing seasons;</p>	834- Art.12.1	C
B.3.5.2.	Use of seed or vegetative propagating material not obtained by the organic production method		
B.3.5.2.1.	<p>a) seed and vegetative propagating material from a production unit in conversion to organic farming may be used,</p> <p>b) where point (a) is not applicable, LACON may authorise the use of non-organic seed or vegetative propagating material if not available from organic production.</p> <p>However, for the use of non-organic seed and seed potatoes the following paragraphs (2) to (5) apply.</p>	889-Art.45	C
B.3.5.2.2.	<p>Non-organic seed and seed potatoes may be used, provided that the seed or seed potatoes are not treated with plant protection products, other than those authorised for treatment of seed in accordance with B.3.9.2. of this Standard.</p>	889-Art.45	C
B.3.5.2.3.	<p>Conditions for the use of non-organic seed and non-organic seed potatoes.</p> <p>a) non-organic seed and non-organic seed potatoes may not be a GMO or produced from GMO according A.2.;</p>	889-Art.45	C

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	<p>b) where no supplier, meaning an operator who markets seed or seed potatoes to other operators, is able to deliver the seed or seed potatoes before sowing or planting in situations where the user has ordered the seed or seed potatoes in reasonable time (3 non-availability proofs must be submitted).</p> <p>LACON will verify the application and will record all issued exceptions.</p>		
B.3.5.2.4.	The authorisation shall be granted before the sowing of the crop.	889-Art.45	C
B.3.5.2.5.	The authorization shall be granted only to individual users for one season.	889-Art.45	C
B.3.6.	Soil management and amendments		
B.3.6.1.	Organic plant production shall use tillage and cultivation practices that maintain or increase soil organic matter, enhance soil stability and soil biodiversity, and prevent soil compaction and soil erosion;	834- Art.12.1	C
B.3.6.2.	The fertility and biological activity of the soil shall be maintained and increased by multiannual crop rotation including legumes and other green manure crops, and by the application of livestock manure or organic material, both preferably composted, from organic production;	834- Art.12.1	
B.3.6.3.	The use of biodynamic preparations is allowed;	834- Art.12.1	
B.3.6.4.	In addition, fertilisers and soil conditioners may only be used if they have been authorised for use in organic production under B.3.2.;	834- Art.12.1	
B.3.6.5.	Mineral nitrogen fertilisers shall not be used;	834- Art.12.1	
B.3.7.	Soil management and fertilisation		
B.3.7.1.	<p>Where the nutritional needs of plants cannot be met by measures provided for in B.3.6. of this Standard, only fertilisers and soil conditioners referred to in Annex I of Regulation (EC) 889/2008 may be used in organic production and only to the extent necessary.</p> <p>Operators shall keep documentary evidence of the need to use the product.</p>	889-Art.3	C
B.3.7.2.	The total amount of livestock manure, applied on the holding may not exceed 170 kg of nitrogen per year/hectare of agricultural area used.	889-Art.3	

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	<p>This limit shall only apply to the use of farmyard manure, dried farmyard manure and dehydrated poultry manure, composted animal excrements, including poultry manure, composted farmyard manure and liquid animal excrements.</p> <p>Operators shall keep documentary evidence of applied livestock manure.</p>		
B.3.7.3.	<p>Organic-production holdings may establish written cooperation agreements exclusively with other holdings and enterprises which comply with the organic production rules, with the intention of spreading surplus manure from organic production.</p> <p>The maximum limit as referred to in paragraph 2 shall be calculated on the basis of all of the organic-production units involved in such cooperation.</p>	889-Art.3	
B.3.7.4.	Appropriate preparations of micro-organisms may be used to improve the overall condition of the soil or the availability of nutrients in the soil or in the crops.	889-Art.3	
B.3.7.5.	For compost activation appropriate plant-based preparations or preparations of micro-organisms may be used.	889-Art.3	
B.3.8.	Prohibition of hydroponic production		
	Hydroponic production is prohibited.	889-Art.4	C
B.3.9.	Contamination, pest, disease and weed		
B.3.9.1.	Prevention		
	<p>a) all plant production techniques used shall prevent or minimise any contribution to the contamination of the environment;</p> <p>b) the prevention of damage caused by pests, diseases and weeds shall rely primarily on the protection by natural enemies, the choice of species and varieties, crop rotation, cultivation techniques and thermal processes;</p> <p>c) in the case of an established threat to a crop, plant protection products may only be used if they have been authorised for use in organic production under B.3.2.;</p>	834-Art.12.1	C
B.3.9.2.	Pest, disease and weed management		
B.3.9.2.1.	Where plants cannot be adequately protected from pests and diseases by measures provided for in B.3.6. of LACON Organic Standard, only products referred to in Annex II to Regulation (EC) 889/2008 may be used in organic production.	889-Art.5	C

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	Operators shall keep documentary evidence of the need to use the product.		
B.3.9.2.2.	For products used in traps and dispensers, except pheromone dispensers, the traps and/or dispensers, shall prevent the substances from being released into the environment and prevent contact between the substances and the crops being cultivated. The traps shall be collected after use and disposed off safely.	889-Art.5	C
B.3.10.	Cleaning and disinfection		
	Products for cleaning and disinfection in plant production shall be used only if they have been authorised for use in organic production under B.3.2.	834-Art.12.1	C
B.4.	MUSHROOM – specific rules on mushroom production		
	For production of mushrooms, substrates may be used, if they are composed only of the following components: a) farmyard manure and animal excrements: i) either from holdings producing according to the organic production method; ii) or referred to Annex I, only when the product referred to I point (i) is not available, and when they don't exceed 25% of the weight of total components of the substrate, excluding the covering material and any added water, before composting; b) products of agricultural origin, other than those referred to in point (a), from holdings producing according to organic production method; c) peat not chemically treated; d) wood, not treated with chemical products after felling; e) mineral products referred to Annex I, water and soil.	889-Art.6	C
B.5.	Collection, packaging, transport and storage of products		
B.5.1.	Collection of products and transport to preparation units		
	See point A.11.1.	889-Art.30	C
B.5.2.	Packaging and transport of products to other operators or units		
	See point A.11.2.	889-Art.31	C
B.5.3.	Reception of products from other units and other operators		
	See point A.11.3.	889-Art.33 834-Art.29	C

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B.5.4.	Storage of products		
	See point A.11.4.	889-Art.35	C
B.6.	Labeling		
	General requirements		
	See point A.6.	834-Art.23	C
B.7.	Controls		
B.7.1.	Control arrangements and undertaking by the operator		
	See point A.7.3.1.	889-Art.63	C
B.7.2.	Modifications of control arrangements		
B.7.2.1.	Generalities		
	See Point A.7.3.2.	889-Art.64	C
B.7.2.2.	Specific control requirements for plants and plant products from farm production		
	Control arrangements		
	The full description of the unit referred to in A.7.3.1.1.(a) shall: a) indicate the storage and production premises and land parcels and, where applicable, premises where certain processing and/or packaging operations take place; and b) specify the date of the last application on the parcels concerned of products, the use of which is not compatible with the organic production rules.	889-Art.70	C
B.7.2.3.	Specific control requirements for units involved in the production of organic products and which have contracted out		
	Control arrangements		
	With regard to the operations, which are contracted out to third parties, the full description of the unit referred to in A.7.3.1.1.(a) shall include: a) a list of the subcontractors with a description of their activities and an indication of the control bodies to which they are subject; b) written agreement by the subcontractors that their holding will be subject to the control regime of A.7. of LACON Organic Standard; c) all the practical measures, including inter alia an appropriate system of documentary accounts, to be taken at the level of the unit to ensure that the products the operator places on the market can be traced to, as appropriate, their suppliers, sellers, consignees and buyers.	889-Art.86	C

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B.7.3.	Control visits		
	See Point A.7.3.3.	889-Art.65	C
B.7.4.	Recordkeeping responsibilities of operators		
B.7.4.1.	General requirements		
	See Point A.7.3.4.	889-Art.66	C
B.7.4.2.	Specific records requirements for plant production		
	<p>Plant production records shall be compiled in the form of a register and kept available to LACON at all times at the premises of the holding. In addition to B.7.7. such records shall provide at least the following information:</p> <p>a) as regards the use of fertiliser: date of application, type and amount of fertiliser, parcels concerned;</p> <p>b) as regards the use of plant protection products: reason and date of treatment, type of product, method of treatment;</p> <p>c) as regards purchase of farm inputs: date, type and amount of purchased product;</p> <p>d) as regards harvest: date, type and amount of organic or in conversion crop production.</p>	889-Art.72	C
B.7.4.3.	Supplier declaration		
	For the purpose of the application of A.5.2.3. of this Standard, the supplier declaration that products supplied have not been produced from or by GMOs may follow the model set out in Annex I to this Standard.	889-Art.69	C
B.7.5.	Access to facilities		
	See Point A.7.3.5.	889-Art.67	C
B.7.6.	Communications		
	Each year, the operator shall notify LACON of its schedule of production of crop products, giving a breakdown by parcel.	889-Art.71	C
B.7.7.	Several production units run by the same operator		
	Where an operator runs several production units in the same area, the units producing non-organic crops, together with storage premises for farm input products shall also be subject to the general and the specific control requirements laid down in B.7.	889-Art.73	C

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Ref.		Ref. EU Regulation	C / E
C.	WILD COLLECTION		
C.1.	Definitions		
	In addition to the definitions referred in A.2. of LACON Organic Standard, the following definitions shall apply for the purposes of this Regulation: a) 'non-organic': means not coming from or not related to a production in accordance to this Standard; b) 'holding' means all the production units operated under a single management for the purpose of producing agricultural products; c) 'production unit' meaning all assets to be used for a production sector such as production premises, land parcels, pasturages, open air areas, the premises for the storage of crops, crop products, raw materials and any other input relevant for this specific production sector;	889-Art.2	C
C.2.	Principles for organic production		
C.2.1.	Overall principles		
	See point A.4.		
C.2.2.	Specific principles applicable to wild collection		
	In addition to the overall principles set out in A.4.1., organic farming shall be based on the following specific principles: a) the maintenance and enhancement of soil life and natural soil fertility, soil stability and soil biodiversity preventing and combating soil compaction and soil erosion, and the nourishing of plants primarily through the soil ecosystem; b) taking account of the local or regional ecological balance when taking production decisions;	834-Art.5	C
C.3.	Wild collection rules		
C.3.1.	General requirements		
	The entire agricultural holding shall be managed in compliance with the requirements applicable to organic production. A holding may be split up into clearly separated units which are not all managed under organic production. Where not all units of a holding are used for organic production, the operator shall keep the land, animals, and products used for, or produced by, the organic units separate from those used	834-Art.11	C

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	for, or produced by, the non-organic unit. The separation must be able to be reconstructed by the LACON inspector plausibly.		
C.3.2.	Products and substances used in collecting and criteria for their authorisation		
	LACON authorises for use in wild collection scope and includes in a restricted list the products and substances, which may be used for the following purposes as products for cleaning and disinfection of buildings and installations used for wild collection, including storage on an agricultural holding.	834-Art.16	C
C.3.3.	Wild collection rules		
C.3.3.1.	General requirements		
	The collection of wild plants and parts thereof, growing naturally in natural areas, forests and agricultural areas is considered an organic production method provided that: a) those areas have not, for a period of at least three years before the collection, received treatment with products other than those authorised for use in organic production under C.3.2.; b) the collection does not affect the stability of the natural habitat or the maintenance of the species in the collection area.	834-Art.12.2	C
C.3.3.2.	Conversion – Plants and plant products		
C.3.3.2.1.	For plants and plant products to be considered organic, the production rules as referred to A.5.2., A.5.3., C.3.1. and C.3.3. of this Standard and where applicable the exceptional production rules in C.7.3.3. of this Standard must have been applied on the areas during a conversion period of at least three years before the first harvest of organic products.	889-Art.36	C
C.3.3.2.2.	LACON may decide to recognise retroactively as being part of the conversion period any previous period in which the collection areas were natural and not treated with products not authorised for organic production. The period referred to in the first subparagraph can be taken into consideration retroactively only where satisfactory proof has been furnished to LACON allowing it to satisfy itself that the conditions were met for a period of at least three years.	889-Art.36	C
C.3.3.2.3.	LACON may decide, in certain cases, where the land had been contaminated with products not authorised for organic production, to extend the conversion period beyond the period referred to paragraph 1.	889-Art.36	C

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C.3.3.3.	Parallel production		
	<p>A producer may run organic and non-organic production units in the same area, in the case of the wild collection product, provided the following conditions are met:</p> <p>a) the collection in question forms part of a conversion plan in respect of which the operator/ collector gives a firm undertaking and which provides for the beginning of the conversion of the last part of the area concerned to organic production in the shortest possible period which may not in any event exceed a maximum of five years;</p> <p>b) appropriate measures have been taken to ensure the permanent separation of the products obtained from each unit concerned;</p> <p>c) LACON is notified of the harvest of each of the products concerned at least 48 hours in advance;</p> <p>d) upon completion of the harvest, the producer informs LACON of the exact quantities harvested on the units concerned and of the measures applied to separate the products;</p> <p>e) the conversion plan and the control measures referred to in C.3.3.2. have been approved by LACON; this approval shall be confirmed each year after the start of the conversion plan;</p>	889-Art.40	C
C.4.	Collection, packaging, transport and storage of products		
C.4.1.	Collection of products and transport to preparation units		
	See Point A.11.1.	889-Art.30	C
C.4.2.	Packaging and transport of products to other operators or units		
	See Point A.11.2.	889-Art.31	C
C.4.3.	Reception of products from other units and other operators		
	See Point A.11.3.	889-Art.33 834-Art.29	C C
C.4.4.	Storage of products		
	See Point A.11.4.	889-Art.35	C
C.5.	Labeling		
	General requirements		
	See Point A.6.	834-Art.23	C
C.6.	Controls		
C.6.1.	Control arrangements and undertaking by the operator		
	See Point A.7.3.1.	889-Art.63	C

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C.6.2.	Modification of control arrangements		
C.6.2.1.	Generalities		
	See Point A.7.3.2.	889-Art.64	C
C.6.2.2.	Specific control requirements for plants and plant products from wild collection		
	Control arrangements		
	The full description of the unit referred to in A.7.3.1.1.(a) shall: a) be drawn up even where the operator limits his activity to the collection of wild plants; b) indicate the storage and production premises and land parcels and, where applicable, premises where certain processing and/or packaging operations take place; and	889-Art.70	C
	In case of collection of wild plants, the practical measures referred to in A.7.3.1.1.(b) shall include any guarantees given by third parties which the operator can provide to ensure that the provisions of C.3.3.1. are complied with.	889-Art.70	C
C.6.2.3.	Control requirements for units involved in the production of organic products and which have contracted out to third parties in part or in total the actual operations concerned		
	Control arrangements		
	With regard to the operations, which are contracted out to third parties, the full description of the unit referred to in A.7.3.1.1.(a) shall include: a) a list of the subcontractors with a description of their activities and an indication of the control bodies to which they are subject; b) written agreement by the subcontractors that their holding will be subject to the control regime of A.7. of LACON Organic Standard; c) all the practical measures, including inter alia an appropriate system of documentary accounts, to be taken at the level of the unit to ensure that the products the operator places on the market can be traced to, as appropriate, their suppliers, sellers, consignees and buyers.	889-Art.86	C
C.6.3.	Control visits		
	See Point A.7.3.3.	889-Art.65	C
C.6.4.	Recordkeeping responsibilities of operators		
C.6.4.1.	General requirements		
	See Point A.7.3.4.	889-Art.66	C

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C.6.4.2.	Specific records requirements for wild collection		
	Wild collection records shall be compiled in the form of a register and kept available to LACON at all times at the premises of the holding. In addition to C.6.6. such records shall provide at least the following information: as regards harvest: date, type and amount of organic or in conversion wild collection.	889-Art.72	C
C.6.5.	Access to facilities		
	See Point A.7.3.5.	889-Art.67	C
C.6.6.	Communications		
	Each year, the operator shall notify LACON of its schedule of production of crop products, giving a breakdown by parcel.	889-Art.71	C
C.6.7.	Several production units run by the same operator		
	Where an operator runs several production units in the same area, the units producing non-organic crops, together with storage premises for farm input products shall also be subject to the general and the specific control requirements laid down in C.6.	889-Art.73	C

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D.	PROCESSING: Production of processed food		
D.1.	Definitions		
	See point A.2.	834-Art.2	C
D.2.	Principles for organic production		
D.2.1.	Overall principles		
	See point A.4.1.	834-Art.4	C
D.2.2.	Specific principles applicable to processing of organic food		
	In addition to the overall principles set out in A.4.1., the production of processed organic food shall be based on the following specific principles: a) the production of organic food from organic agricultural ingredients, except where an ingredient is not available on the market in organic form; b) the restriction of the use of food additives, of non organic ingredients with mainly technological and sensory functions and of micronutrients and processing aids, so that they are used to a minimum extent and only in case of essential technological need or for particular nutritional purposes; c) the exclusion of substances and processing methods that might be misleading regarding the true nature of the product; d) the processing of food with care, preferably with the use of biological, mechanical and physical methods.	834-Art.6	C
D.3.	Processed food production rules		
D.3.1.	General requirements		
D.3.1.1.	The preparation of processed organic food shall be kept separate in time or space from non-organic food.	834-Art.19	C
D.3.1.2.	Substances and techniques that reconstitute properties that are lost in the processing and storage of organic food, that correct the results of negligence in the processing of these products or that otherwise may be misleading as to the true nature of these products shall not be used.	834-Art.19	C
D.3.1.3.	Additives, processing aids and other substances and ingredients used for processing food and any processing practice applied, such as smoking, shall respect the principles of good manufacturing practice.	889-Art.26	C
D.3.1.4.	Operators producing processed food shall establish and	889-Art.26	C

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	update appropriate procedures based on a systematic identification of critical processing steps.		
D.3.1.5.	The application of the procedures referred to in paragraph 2 shall guarantee at all times that the produced processed products comply with the organic production rules.	889-Art.26	C
D.3.1.6.	Operators shall comply with and implement the procedures referred to in paragraph 2. In particular, operators shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) take precautionary measures to avoid the risk of contamination by unauthorised substances or products; b) implement suitable cleaning measures, monitor their effectiveness and record these operations; c) guarantee that non-organic products are not placed on the market with an indication referring to the organic production method. 	889-Art.26	C
D.3.1.7.	Further to the provisions laid down in paragraphs 2 and 4, when non-organic products are also prepared or stored in the preparation unit concerned, the operator shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) carry out the operations continuously until the complete run has been dealt with, separated by place or time from similar operations performed on non-organic products; b) store organic products, before and after the operations, separate by place or time from non-organic products; c) inform the control body LACON thereof and keep available an updated register of all operations and quantities processed; d) take the necessary measures to ensure identification of lots and to avoid mixtures or exchanges with non-organic products; e) carry out operations on organic products only after suitable cleaning of the production equipment. 	889-Art.26	C
D.3.2.	Composition of organic processed food		
D.3.2.1.	Ingredients		
	The following conditions shall apply to the composition of organic processed food: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the product shall be produced mainly from ingredients of agricultural origin; in order to determine whether a product is produced mainly from ingredients of agricultural origin added 	834-Art.19	

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	<p>water and cooking salt shall not be taken into account;</p> <p>b) only additives, processing aids, flavourings, water, salt, preparations of micro-organisms and enzymes, minerals, trace elements, vitamins as well as amino-acids and other micro-nutrients in foodstuffs for particular nutritional uses may be used, and only in so far as they have been authorised for use in organic production in accordance with D.3.2.2. of LACON Organic Standard;</p> <p>c) non-organic agricultural ingredients may be used only if they have been authorised for use in organic production in accordance with D.3.2.2.;</p> <p>d) an organic ingredient shall not be present together with the same ingredient in non-organic form or an ingredient in conversion;</p> <p>e) food produced from in-conversion crops shall contain only one crop ingredient of agricultural origin.</p>		
D.3.2.2.	Criteria for certain products and substances in processing		
D.3.2.2.1.	<p>The authorisation of products and substances for use in organic production and their inclusion in a restricted list of the products and substances referred to in D.3.2.1.(b) and (c) shall be subject to the objectives and principles laid down in A.3. and A.4. (Objectives and principles of organic production) and the following criteria, which shall be evaluated as a whole</p> <p>a) Alternatives authorised in accordance with this chapter are not available;</p> <p>b) Without having recourse to them, it would be impossible to produce or preserve the food or to fulfill given dietary requirements provided for on the basis of the Community legislation.</p> <p>In addition, the products and substances referred to in D.3.2.1.(b) of LACON Organic Standard are to be found in nature and may have undergone only mechanical, physical, biological, enzymatic or microbial processes, except where such products and substances from such sources are not available in sufficient quantities or qualities on the market.</p>	834-Art.21	C
D.3.2.2.2.	<p>For the purpose of D.3.2.1.(b) of LACON Organic Standard, only the following substances can be used in the processing of organic food, with the exception of wine:</p>	889-Art.27	C

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	<p>a) substances listed in Annex VIII of Regulation (EC) 889/2008;</p> <p>b) preparations of micro-organisms and enzymes normally used in food processing; however, enzymes to be used as food additives have to be listed in Annex VIII, Section A of Regulation (EC) 889/2008;</p> <p>c) substances, and products as defined in Articles 1(2)(b)(i) and 1(2)(c) of Council Directive 88/388/EEC labelled as natural flavouring substances or natural flavouring preparations, according to Articles 9(1)(d) and (2) of that Directive.</p> <p>d) colours for stamping meat and eggshells in accordance with, respectively, Article 2(8) and Article 2(9) of European Parliament and Council Directive 94/36/EC;</p> <p>e) drinking water and salt (with sodium chloride or potassium chloride as basic components) generally used in food processing;</p> <p>f) minerals (trace elements included), vitamins, aminoacids, and micronutrients, only authorised as far their use is legally required in the foodstuffs in which they are incorporated.</p>		
D.3.2.2.3.	<p>For the purpose of the calculation referred to in D.6.2. of LACON Organic Standard,</p> <p>a) food additives listed in Annex VIII of Regulation (EC) 889/2008 and marked with an asterisk in the column of the additive code number, shall be calculated as ingredients of agricultural origin;</p> <p>b) preparations and substances referred to in paragraph (1)(b), (c),(d),(e) and (f) of this Article and substances not marked with an asterisk in the column of the additive code number shall not be calculated as ingredients of agricultural origin.</p> <p>c) Yeast and yeast products will be added as ingredients of agricultural origin from December 31, 2013.</p>	889-Art.27	C
D.3.2.3.	Use of certain non-organic ingredients of agricultural origin in processing food		
	<p>For the purpose of D.3.2.1.(c) of LACON Organic Standard non EC, non-organic agricultural ingredients listed in Annex IX of Regulation (EC) 889/2008 can be used in the processing of organic food.</p>	889-Art.28	C
D.3.2.4.	Exceptional production rules with regard to the use of specific products and substances in the processing		
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	Addition of non-organic yeast extract		
	The addition of up to 5% non-organic yeast extract or autolysate to the substrate (calculated in dry matter) is allowed for the production of organic yeast, where operators are unable to obtain yeast extract or autolysate from organic production. The availability of organic yeast extract or autolysate shall be re-examined by 31 December 2013 with a view to withdrawing this provision.	889-Art. 46a	C
D.4.	Yeast - General rules on the production of organic yeast		
D.4.1.	For the production of organic yeast only organically produced substrates shall be used. Other products and substances may only be used in so far as they have been authorized for use in organic production in accordance with D.3.2.2.	834-Art.20	C
D.4.2.	Organic yeast shall not be present in organic food together with non-organic yeast.	834-Art.20	C
D.4.3.	For the purposes of the application of D.4.1. and D.4.2. of LACON Organic Standard, following materials may be used in manufacturing, preparation and formulation of yeast: a) the substances listed in Annex VIII, section C of Regulation (EC) 889/2008 ; b) products and substances referred to in D.3.2.2.(b) and (e) of this Standard.	889-Art.27a	C
D.5.	Wine – Specific rules for the making of wine		
D.5.1.	Scope		
D.5.1.1.	This Chapter lays down specific rules for the organic production of the products of the wine sector as referred to in Article 1(1)(l) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 (*).	889-Art.29(b)	C
D.5.1.2.	Commission Regulations (EC) No 606/2009 (**) and (EC) No 607/2009 (***) shall apply, save as explicitly provided otherwise in this Chapter.	889-Art.29(b)	C
D.5.2.	Use of certain products and substances		
D.5.2.1.	For the purposes of D.3.2.1.(a) of LACON Organic Standard, products of the wine sector shall be produced from organic raw material.	889-Art.29(c)	C
D.5.2.2.	For the purposes of D.3.2.1.(b) of LACON Organic Standard, only products and substances listed in Annex VIII of Regulation (EC) 889/2008 can be used for the making of products of the wine sector, including during the processes and	889-Art.29(c)	C

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	oenological practices, subject to the conditions and restrictions laid down in Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 and Regulation (EC) No 606/2009 and in particular in Annex I A to that Regulation.		
D.5.2.3.	Products and substances listed in Annex VIIIa of Regulation (EC) 889/2008 and marked with an asterisk, derived from organic raw material, shall be used if available.	889- Art.29(c)	C
D.5.3.	Oenological practices and restrictions		
D.5.3.1.	Without prejudice to D.5.2.3. of this Standard and to specific prohibitions and restrictions provided for in paragraphs 2 to 5 of this Article, only oenological practices, processes and treatments, including the restrictions provided for in Article 120c and 120d of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 and in Articles 3, 5 to 9 and 11 to 14 of Regulation (EC) No 606/2009 and in their Annexes, used before 1 August 2010 are permitted.	889- Art.29(d)	C
D.5.3.2.	The use of the following oenological practices, processes and treatments is prohibited: a) partial concentration through cooling according to point (c) of Section B.1 of Annex XVa to Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007; b) elimination of sulphur dioxide by physical processes according to point 8 of Annex I A to Regulation (EC) No 606/2009; c) electro dialysis treatment to ensure the tartaric stabilisation of the wine according to point 36 of Annex I A to Regulation (EC) No 606/2009; d) partial dealcoholisation of wine according to point 40 of Annex I A to Regulation (EC) No 606/2009; e) treatment with cation exchangers to ensure the tartaric stabilisation of the wine according to point 43 of Annex I A to Regulation (EC) No 606/2009.	889- Art.29(d)	C
D.5.3.3.	The use of the following oenological practices, processes and treatments is permitted under the following conditions: a) for heat treatments according to point 2 of Annex IA to Regulation (EC) No 606/2009, the temperature shall not exceed 70 °C; b) for centrifuging and filtration with or without an inert filtering agent according to point 3 of Annex I A to Regulation (EC) No 606/2009, the size of the pores shall be not smaller than 0,2 micrometer.	889- Art.29(d)	C

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D.5.3.4.	The use of the following oenological practices, processes and treatments shall be re-examined by the Commission before 1 August 2015 with a view to phase out or to further restrict those practices: a) heat treatments as referred to in point 2 of Annex I A to Regulation (EC) No 606/2009; b) use of ion exchange resins as referred to in point 20 of Annex I A to Regulation (EC) No 606/2009; c) reverse osmosis according to point (b) of Section B.1 of Annex XVa to Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007.	889- Art.29(d)	C
D.5.3.5.	Any amendment introduced after 1 August 2010, as regards the oenological practice, processes and treatments provided for in Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 or Regulation (EC) No 606/2009, may be applicable in the organic production of wine only after the adoption of the measures necessary for the implementation of the production rules provided for in D.3.1.2. of LACON Organic Standard and, if required, an evaluation process according to D.3.2.2.1. of that Standard.	889- Art.29(d)	C
D.6.	Collection, packaging, transport and storage of products		
D.6.1.	Collection of products and transport to preparation unit		
	See Point A.11.1.	889-Art.30	C
D.6.2.	Packaging and transport of products to other operators or units		
	See Point A.11.2.	889-Art.31	C
D.6.3.	Reception of products from other units and other operators		
	See Point A.11.3.	889-Art.33 834-Art.29	C C
D.6.4.	Storage of products		
	See Point A.11.4.	889-Art.35	C
D.7.	Labeling		
D.7.1.	General requirements		
	See Point A.6.	834-Art.23	C
D.7.2.	Specific use of terms referring to organic processed food		
	As regards processed food, the terms referred to in paragraph 1 may be used: a) in the sales description, provided that: i) the processed food complies with D.3.1.1., D.3.1.2. and D.3.2.1. of LACON Organic Standard;	834-Art.23	C

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	<p>ii) at least 95 % by weight, of its ingredients of agricultural origin are organic;</p> <p>b) only in the list of ingredients, provided that the food complies with D.3.1.1. and D.3.2.1(a), (b) and (d) of this Standard;</p> <p>c) in the list of ingredients and in the same visual field as the sales description, provided that:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">i) the main ingredient is a product of hunting or fishing;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">ii) it contains other ingredients of agricultural origin that are all organic;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">iii) the food complies with D.3.1.1. and D.3.2.1(a), (b) and (d) of this Standard;</p> <p>The list of ingredients shall indicate which ingredients are organic.</p> <p>In the case where points (b) and (c) of this paragraph apply, the references to the organic production method may only appear in relation to the organic ingredients and the list of ingredients shall include an indication of the total percentage of organic ingredients in proportion to the total quantity of ingredients of agricultural origin.</p> <p>The terms and the indication of percentage referred to in the previous subparagraph shall appear in the same colour, identical size and style of lettering as the other indications in the list of ingredients.</p>		
D.7.3.	Wine labeling		
	<p>Stocks of wines produced until 31 July 2012 in accordance with either Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 or Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 may continue to be brought on the market until stocks are exhausted, and subject to the following labelling requirements:</p> <p>a) the Community organic production logo as referred to in D.6.5.1. of LACON Organic standard, called from 1 July 2010 the “Community logo” may be used provided that the wine-making process complies with D.5. of this Standard;</p> <p>b) operators using “Community logo” shall keep recorded evidence, for a period of at least five years after they placed on the market that wine obtained from organic grapes, including of the corresponding quantities of wine in litres, per wine category and per year;</p> <p>c) where the evidence referred to in point (b) of this paragraph</p>	889- Art.95(10)(a)	C
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	is not available, such wine may be labeled as “wine made from organic grapes”, provided that it complies with the requirements of this Standard except those provided for in D.5. of this Standard thereof;		
	d) wine labeled as “wine made from organic grapes” cannot bear the “Community logo”.’;		
D.8.	Controls		
D.8.1.	Control arrangements and undertaking by the operator		
	See Point A.7.3.1.	889-Art.63	C
D.8.2.	Modification of control arrangements		
D.8.2.1.	Generalities		
	See Point A.7.3.2.	889-Art.64	C
D.8.2.2.	Specific control requirements for units for preparation of plant products and foodstuffs composed of plant products		
	Control arrangements		
	In the case of a unit involved in the preparation for its own account or for account of a third party, and including in particular units involved in packaging and/or re-packaging of such products or units involved in labelling and/or re-labelling of such products, the full description of the unit referred to in A.7.3.1.1.(a) of LACON Organic Standard shall show the facilities used for the reception, the processing, packaging, labelling and storage of agricultural products before and after the operations concerning them, as well as the procedures for the transport of the products.	889-Art.80	C
D.8.2.3.	Control requirements for units involved in the production of organic products and which have contracted out to third parties in part or in total the actual operations concerned		
	Control arrangements		
	With regard to the operations, which are contracted out to third parties, the full description of the unit referred to in A.7.3.1.1.(a) shall include:	889-Art.86	C
	a) a list of the subcontractors with a description of their activities and an indication of the control bodies to which they are subject;		
	b) written agreement by the subcontractors that their holding will be subject to the control regime of A.7. of LACON Organic Standard;		
	c) all the practical measures, including inter alia an appropriate system of documentary accounts, to be taken at the level of the unit to ensure that the products the operator places on the		

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	market can be traced to, as appropriate, their suppliers, sellers, consignees and buyers.		
D.8.3.	Control visits		
	See Point A.7.3.3.	889-Art.65	C
D.8.4.	Recordkeeping responsibilities of operators		
D.8.4.1.	General requirements		
	See Point A.7.3.4.	889-Art.66	C
D.8.4.2.	Supplier declaration		
	For the purpose of the application of A.5.2. of this standard (prohibition on the use of GMOs), the supplier declaration that products supplied have not been produced from or by GMOS may follow the model set out in Annex I to this Standard.	889-Art.69	C
D.8.5.	Access to facilities		
	See Point A.7.3.5.	889-Art.67	C

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Ref.		Ref. EU Regulation	C / E
E.	LIVESTOCK		
E.1.	Definitions		
	In addition to the definitions laid down in Article A.2 of this LACON Organic Standard, the following definitions shall apply for the purposes of this Standard: a) 'non-organic' means not coming from or not related to a production in accordance to LACON Organic Standard; b) 'holding' means all the production units operated under a single management for the purpose of producing agricultural products; c) 'production unit' meaning all assets to be used for a production sector such as production premises, livestock buildings, the premises for the storage of livestock products, raw materials and any other input relevant for this specific production sector; d) 'veterinary treatment' means all courses of a curative or preventive treatment against one occurrence of a specific disease;	889-Art.2	C
E.2.	Principles for organic production		
E.2.1.	Overall principles		
	See point A.4.1.	834-Art.4	C
E.2.2.	Specific principles applicable to farming		
	In addition to the overall principles set out in A.4.1., organic farming (livestock) shall be based on the following specific principles: a) the recycling of wastes and by-products of plant and animal origin as input in plant and livestock production; b) taking account of the local or regional ecological balance when taking production decisions; c) the maintenance of animal health by encouraging the natural immunological defence of the animal, as well as the selection of appropriate breeds and husbandry practices; d) the practice of site-adapted and land-related livestock production; e) the observance of a high level of animal welfare respecting	834-Art.5	C

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	<p>species-specific needs;</p> <p>f) the production of products of organic livestock from animals that have been raised on organic holdings since birth or hatching and throughout their life;</p> <p>g) the choice of breeds having regard to the capacity of animals to adapt to local conditions, their vitality and their resistance to disease or health problems;</p> <p>h) the feeding of livestock with organic feed composed of agricultural ingredients from organic farming and of natural non-agricultural substances;</p> <p>i) the application of animal husbandry practices, which enhance the immune system and strengthen the natural defence against diseases, in particular including regular exercise and access to open air areas and pastureland where appropriate;</p> <p>j) the exclusion of rearing artificially induced polyploidy animals;</p>		
E.3.	Livestock production rules		
E.3.1.	General requirements		
	<p>The entire agricultural holding shall be managed in compliance with the requirements applicable to organic production.</p> <p>A holding may be split up into clearly separated units which are not all managed under organic production. As regards plants, different varieties that can be easily differentiated shall be involved.</p> <p>Where not all units of a holding are used for organic production, the operator shall keep the land, animals, and products used for, or produced by, the organic units separate from those used for, or produced by, the non-organic unit.</p> <p>The separation must be able to be reconstructed by the LACON inspector plausibly.</p>	834-Art.11	C
E.3.2.	Products and substances used in farming and criteria for their authorisation		
E.3.2.1.	<p>LACON authorises for use in organic production and includes in a restricted list the products and substances, which may be used in organic farming (livestock production) for the following purposes:</p> <p>a) as non-organic feed materials from plant origin, feed material from animal and mineral origin and certain</p>	834-Art.16	C

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	<p>substances used in animal nutrition;</p> <p>b) as products for cleaning and disinfection of ponds, cages, buildings and installations for animal production (Annex VII of Regulation (EC) 889/2008);</p> <p>c) as products for cleaning and disinfection of buildings and installations used for production, including storage on an agricultural holding;</p>		
E.3.2.2.	<p>The authorisation of the products and substances referred to in paragraph 1 is subject to the objectives and principles referred in A.3. and A.4. and the following general and specific criteria which shall be evaluated as a whole:</p> <p>a) their use is necessary for sustained production and essential for its intended use;</p> <p>b) all products and substances shall be of plant, animal, microbial or mineral origin except where products or substances from such sources are not available in sufficient quantities or qualities or if alternatives are not available;</p> <p>c) in the case of products referred to in paragraph 1.(a), the following shall apply:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">i) their use is essential for the control of a harmful organism or a particular disease for which other biological, physical or breeding alternatives or cultivation practices or other effective management practices are not available;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">ii) if products are not of plant, animal, microbial or mineral origin and are not identical to their natural form, they may be authorised only if their conditions for use preclude any direct contact with the edible parts of the crop;</p> <p>d) in the case of products referred to in paragraph E.3.2.1. (a), the following shall apply:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">i) they are necessary to maintain animal health, animal welfare and vitality and contribute to an appropriate diet fulfilling the physiological and behavioural needs of the species concerned or it would be impossible to produce or preserve such feed without having recourse to such substances;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">ii) feed of mineral origin, trace elements, vitamins or provitamins shall be of natural origin. In case these</p>	834-Art.16	C

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	substances are unavailable, chemically well-defined analogic substances may be authorised for use in organic production.		
E.3.2.3.	The use of products and substances not covered under paragraph E.3.2.1. and subject to the objectives and principles referred in A.3., A.4. and the general criteria in E.3.2., shall be allowed in organic farming.	834-Art.16	C
E.3.3.	Conversion		
	<p>The following rules shall apply to a farm on which organic production is started:</p> <p>a) the conversion period shall start at the earliest when the operator has notified his activity to the competent authorities and subjected his holding to the control system in accordance with A.7.2.1. of LACON Organic Standard;</p> <p>b) during the conversion period all rules established by this Standard shall apply;</p> <p>c) conversion periods specific to the type of crop or animal production shall be defined;</p> <p>d) on a holding or unit partly under organic production and partly in conversion to organic production, the operator shall keep the organically produced and in-conversion products separate and the animals separate or readily separable and keep adequate records to show the separation;</p> <p>e) in order to determine the conversion period referred to above, a period immediately preceding the date of the start of the conversion period, may be taken into account, in so far as certain conditions concur;</p> <p>f) animals and animal products produced during the conversion period referred to in subparagraph (c) shall not be marketed with the indications referred to in A.6.1. and A.6.2. of this Standard used in the labeling and advertising of products.</p>	834-Art.17	C
E.3.4.	Parallel production		
E.3.4.1.	Non organic livestock may be present on the holding provided they are reared on units where the buildings and parcels are separated clearly from the units producing in accordance with the organic production rules and a different species is involved.	889-Art.17	C
E.3.4.2.	Non-organic livestock may use organic area for a limited period of time each year, provided that such animals come	889-Art.17	C

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	from a farming system as defined in paragraph 3(b) and that organic animals are not present at the same time on that area.		
E.3.4.3.	Organic animals may be managed on common land, providing that: a) the land has not been treated with products not authorised for organic production for at least three years; b) any non-organic animals which use the land concerned are derived from a farming system equivalent to those as described in Article 36 of Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 or in Article 22 of Regulation 1257/1999; c) any livestock products from organic animals, whilst using this land, shall not be regarded as being from organic production, unless adequate segregation from non-organic animals can be proved.	889-Art.17	C
E.3.5.	Origin of animals		
	Organic livestock shall be born and raised on organic holdings.	834-Art.14	C
E.3.6.	Use of non-organic animals		
	a) for breeding purposes, non-organically raised animals may be brought onto a holding under specific conditions. Such animals and their products may be deemed organic after compliance with the conversion period referred to in E.3.3.(c); b) animals existing on the holding at the beginning of the conversion period and their products may be deemed organic after compliance with the conversion period referred to in E.3.3.(c);	834-Art.14	C
E.3.7.	Husbandry practices and housing conditions		
	a) personnel keeping animals shall possess the necessary basic knowledge and skills as regards the health and the welfare needs of the animals; b) husbandry practices, including stocking densities, and housing conditions shall ensure that the developmental, physiological and ethological needs of animals are met; c) organic livestock shall be kept separate from other livestock.	834-Art.14	C
E.3.8.	Disease prevention and veterinary treatment		
	Disease prevention shall be based on breed and strain selection, husbandry management practices, high quality feed	834-Art.14	C

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	and exercise, appropriate stocking density and adequate and appropriate housing maintained in hygienic conditions.		
E.3.9.	Cleaning and disinfection		
E.3.9.1.	With regard to cleaning and disinfection, products for cleaning and disinfection in livestock buildings and installations, shall be used only if they have been authorized for use in organic production under E.3.2. of this Standard.	834-Art.14	C
E.3.9.2.	Housing, pens, equipment and utensils shall be properly cleaned and disinfected to prevent cross-infection and the building-up of disease carrying organisms. For the purpose of E.3.9.1., only products listed in Annex VII of Regulation (EC) 889/2008 may be used for cleaning and disinfection of livestock buildings installations and utensils. Rodenticide (to be used only in traps), and the products listed in Annex II of Regulation (EC) 889/2008 , can be used for the elimination of insects and other pests in buildings and other installations where livestock is kept.	889-Art.23	C
E.4.	BEEKEEPING- Production rules		
E.4.1.	Conversion		
	a) Beekeeping products can be sold with references to the organic production method only when the organic production rules have been complied with for at least one year. b) The conversion period for apiaries does not apply in the case of application of point E.4.4..	889-Art.38	C
E.4.2.	Parallel production		
	Non organic livestock may be present on the holding provided they are reared on units where the buildings and parcels are separated clearly from the units producing in accordance with the organic production rules and a <u>different species</u> is involved. In case of bees, no different species are involved, so that <u>parallel production is prohibited.</u>	889-Art.17	C
E.4.3.	Origin of bees		
	For bees, preference shall be given to the use of <i>Apis mellifera</i> and their local ecotypes.	889-Art.8	C
E.4.4.	Origin of non-organic bees		
	For the renovation of apiaries, 10 % per year of the queen bees and swarms may be replaced by non-organic queen	889-Art.9	C

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	bees and swarms in the organic production unit provided that the queen bees and swarms are placed in hives with combs or comb foundations coming from organic production units.		
E.4.5.	Use of non-organic beeswax		
	In the case of new installations or during the conversion period, non-organic beeswax may be used only: a) where beeswax from organic beekeeping is not available on the market; b) where it is proven free of contamination by substances not authorised for organic production; and c) provided that it comes from the cap.	889-Art.44	C
E.4.6.	Wax-Exchange		
E.4.6.1.	During the conversion period the wax shall be replaced with wax coming from organic beekeeping.	889-Art.38	C
E.4.6.2.	The bees wax for new foundations shall come from organic production units.	889-Art.13	C
E.4.7.	Management of beekeeping units for the purpose of pollination		
	For the purpose of pollination actions, an operator may run organic and non-organic beekeeping units on the same holding, provided that all the requirements of the organic production rules are fulfilled, with the exception of the provisions for the siting of the apiaries. In that case the product cannot be sold as organic. The operator shall keep documentary evidence of the use of this provision.	889-Art.41	C
E.4.8.	Catastrophic circumstances		
	LACON may authorise on a temporary basis: a) in case of high mortality of bees caused by health or catastrophic circumstances, the reconstitution of the apiaries with non-organic bees, when organic apiaries are not available; b) the feeding of bees with organic honey, organic sugar or organic sugar syrup in case of long lasting exceptional weather conditions or catastrophic circumstances, which hamper the nectar or honeydew production. Upon approval by LACON, the individual operators shall keep	889-Art. 47	C

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	documentary evidence of the use of the above exceptions.		
E.4.9.	Specific requirements and housing conditions		
E.4.9.1.	Apiaries shall be placed in areas which ensure nectar and pollen sources consisting essentially of organically produced crops or, as appropriate, of spontaneous vegetation or non-organically managed forests or crops that are only treated with low environmental impact methods. Apiaries shall be kept at sufficient distance from sources that may lead to the contamination of beekeeping products or to the poor health of the bees;	834-Art.14	C
E.4.9.2.	The destruction of bees in the combs as a method associated with the harvesting of beekeeping products is prohibited;	834-Art.14	C
E.4.9.3.	The siting of the apiaries shall be such that, within a radius of 3 km from the apiary site, nectar and pollen sources consist essentially of organically produced crops and/or spontaneous vegetation and/or crops treated with low environmental impact methods equivalent to those which cannot affect the qualification of beekeeping production as being organic. The above mentioned requirements do not apply where flowering is not taking place, or the hives are dormant.	889-Art.13	C
E.4.9.4.	LACON may designate regions or areas where beekeeping complying with organic production rules is not practicable.	889-Art.13	C
E.4.9.5.	The hives shall be made basically of natural materials presenting no risk of contamination to the environment or the apiculture products.	889-Art.13	C
E.4.9.6.	Without prejudice to E.4.12. of LACON Organic Standard, only natural products such as propolis, wax and plant oils can be used in the hives.	889-Art.13	C
E.4.9.7.	The use of chemical synthetic repellents is prohibited during honey extractions operations.	889-Art.13	C
E.4.9.8.	The use of brood combs is prohibited for honey extraction.	889-Art.13	C
E.4.9.9.	Mutilation such as clipping the wings of queen is prohibited.	889-Art.18	C
E.4.10.	Housing material		
E.4.10.1.	Hives and materials used in beekeeping shall be mainly made of natural materials;	834-Art.14	C
E.4.10.2.	Without prejudice to E.4.12. of LACON Organic Standard, only natural products such as propolis, wax and plant oils can be used in the hives.	889-Art.13	C

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E.4.11.	Feed (from own holding or from other organic holding)		
E.4.11.1.	In the case of bees, at the end of the production season hives shall be left with sufficient reserves of honey and pollen to survive the winter.	889-Art.19	C
E.4.11.2.	The feeding of bee colonies shall only be permitted where the survival of the hives is endangered due to climatic conditions and only between the last honey harvest and 15 days before the start of the next nectar or honeydew flow period. Feeding shall be with organic honey, organic sugar syrup, or organic sugar.	889-Art.19	C
E.4.12.	Disease prevention and veterinary treatment		
E.4.12.1.	For the purposes of protecting frames, hives and combs, in particular from pests, only rodenticides (to be used only in traps), and appropriate products are permitted.	889-Art.25	C
E.4.12.2.	Physical treatments for disinfection of apiaries such as steam or direct flame are permitted.	889-Art.25	C
E.4.12.3.	The practice of destroying the male brood is permitted only to isolate the infestation of Varroa destructor.	889-Art.25	C
E.4.12.4.	If despite all preventive measures, the colonies become sick or infested, they shall be treated immediately and, if necessary, the colonies can be placed in isolation apiaries.	889-Art.25	C
E.4.12.5.	Formic acid, lactic acid, acetic acid and oxalic acid as well as menthol, thymol, eucalyptol or camphor may be used in cases of infestation with Varroa destructor.	889-Art.25	C
E.4.12.6.	If a treatment is applied with chemically synthesized allopathic products, during such a period, the colonies treated shall be placed in isolation apiaries and all the wax shall be replaced with wax coming from organic beekeeping. Subsequently, the conversion period of one year laid down in E.6.2. will apply to those colonies.	889-Art.25	C
E.4.12.7.	The requirements laid down in E.4.12.6. shall not apply to products listed in E.4.12.5.	889-Art.25	C
E.4.13.	Cleaning and disinfection		
	See Point E.3.9.	834-Art.14	
E.5.	Collection, packaging, transport and storage of products		
E.5.1.	Collection of products and transport to preparation units		
	See Point A.11.1.	889-Art.30	C

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E.5.2.	Packaging and transport of products to other operators or units		
	See Point A.11.2.	889-Art.31 834-Art.29	C C
E.5.3.	Reception of products from other units and other operators		
	See Point A.11.3.	889-Art.33	C
E.5.4.	Storage of products		
	See Point A.11.4.	889-Art.35	C
E.6.	Labeling		
E.6.1.	General requirements		
	See Point A.6.		
E.6.2.	Specific requirements for bee-products		
	Beekeeping products can be sold with reference to the organic production method only when the organic production rules have been complied with for at least one year.	889-38	C
E.7.	Controls		
E.7.1.	Control arrangements and undertaking by the operator		
	See Point A.7.3.1.	889-Art.63	C
E.7.2.	Modifications of control arrangements		
E.7.2.1.	Generalities		
	See Point A.7.3.2.	889-Art.64	C
E.7.2.2.	Specific control requirements for livestock and livestock products produced by animal husbandry		
E.7.2.2.1.	Control arrangements		
E.7.2.2.1.1.	When the control system applying specifically to livestock production is first implemented, the full description of the unit referred to in A.7.3.3.1.(a) of LACON Organic Standard shall include: a) a full description of the livestock buildings, and, where applicable, the premises for the storage, packaging and processing of livestock, livestock products, raw materials and inputs; b) a full description of the installations for the storage of livestock manure.	889-Art.74	C
E.7.2.2.1.2.	The practical measures referred to in A.7.3.3.1.(b) of this Standard shall include a management plan for the organic-production livestock unit.	889-Art.74	C
E.7.2.2.2.	Identification of livestock		
	The livestock or beehives must be identified permanently using techniques adapted to each species.	889-Art.75	C

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E.7.2.2.3.	Specific control measures on beekeeping		
E.7.2.2.3.1.	A map on an appropriate scale listing the location of hives shall be provided to LACON by the beekeeper. Where no areas are identified, the beekeeper shall provide LACON with appropriate documentation and evidence, including suitable analyses if necessary, that the areas accessible to his colonies meet the conditions required in this Standard.	889-Art.78	C
E.7.2.2.3.2.	The following information shall be entered in the register of the apiary with regard to the use of feeding: type of product, dates, quantities and hives where it is used.	889-Art.78	C
E.7.2.2.3.3.	Whenever veterinary medicinal products are to be used, the type of product, including the indication of the active pharmacological substance, together with details of the diagnosis, the posology, the method of administration, the duration of the treatment and the legal withdrawal period shall be recorded clearly and declared to LACON before the products are marketed as organically produced.	889-Art.78	C
E.7.2.2.3.4.	The zone where the apiary is situated shall be registered together with the identification of the hives. LACON shall be informed of the moving of apiaries by a deadline agreed on with LACON.	889-Art.78	C
E.7.2.2.3.5.	Particular care shall be taken to ensure adequate extraction, processing and storage of beekeeping products. All the measures to comply with this requirement shall be recorded.	889-Art.78	C
E.7.2.2.3.6.	The removals of the supers and the honey extraction operations shall be entered in the register of the apiary.	889-Art.78	C
E.7.2.3.	Specific control requirements for units involved in the production of organic products and which have contracted out to third parties in part or in total the actual operations concerned		
	Control arrangements		
	With regard to the operations, which are contracted out to third parties, the full description of the unit referred to in A.7.3.1.1.(a) shall include: a) a list of the subcontractors with a description of their activities and an indication of the control bodies to which they are subject; b) written agreement by the subcontractors that their holding will be subject to the control regime of A.7. of LACON Organic Standard;	889-Art.86	C
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	c) all the practical measures, including inter alia an appropriate system of documentary accounts, to be taken at the level of the unit to ensure that the products the operator places on the market can be traced to, as appropriate, their suppliers, sellers, consignees and buyers.		
E.7.3.	Control measures on veterinary medicinal products for livestock		
	Control arrangements		
	Whenever veterinary medicinal products are used the information according to E.7.7.2.(e) is to be declared to the control body LACON before the livestock or livestock products are marketed as organically produced. Livestock treated shall be clearly identified, individually by hive, in the case bees.	889-Art.77	C
E.7.4.	Specific control requirements for units for preparation of livestock products and foodstuffs composed of livestock products		
	Control arrangements		
	In the case of a unit involved in the preparation for its own account or for account of a third party, and including in particular units involved in packaging and/or re-packaging of such products or units involved in labelling and/or re-labelling of such products, the full description of the unit referred to in A.7.3.3.1.(a) shall show the facilities used for the reception, the processing, packaging, labelling and storage of agricultural products before and after the operations concerning them, as well as the procedures for the transport of the products.	889-Art.80	C
E.7.5.	Control visits		
	See Point A.7.3.3.	889-Art.65	C
E.7.6.	Recordkeeping responsibilities of operator		
E.7.6.1.	General requirements		
	See Point A.7.3.4.	889-Art.66	C
E.7.6.2.	Specific livestock records requirements		
E.7.6.2.1	Livestock records shall be compiled in the form of a register and kept available to LACON at all times at the premises of the holding. Such records shall provide a full description of the herd management system comprising at least the following information: a) as regards animals arriving at the holding: origin and date of arrival, conversion period, identification mark and veterinary record; b) as regards livestock leaving the holding: number of combs (queens and drones);	889-Art.76	C

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	<p>c) details of any bee colony lost and reasons thereof;</p> <p>d) as regards feed: type, proportions of various ingredients of rations, periods of bee transhumance where restrictions apply;</p> <p>e) as regards disease prevention and treatment: date of treatment, details of the diagnosis, the posology; type of treatment product, the indication of the active pharmacological substances involved method of treatment with reasons and withdrawal periods applying before livestock products can be marketed labeled as organic.</p>		
E.7.6.2.2.	Operators shall keep documentary evidence of the use of provisions referred to E.3.4. (Parallel production).	889-Art.17	C
E.7.7.	Access to facilities		
	See Point A.7.3.5.	889-Art.67	C
E.7.8.	Several production units run by the same operator		
	Where an operator manages several production units, as provided for in E.3.1. and E.4.7., the units which produce non-organic livestock or non-organic livestock products shall also be subject to the control system as laid down in E.7.	889-Art.79	C

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Ref.	Guidance document for the evaluation of the equivalence of organic producer group certification schemes in developing countries - IFOAM- Smallholder Group Certification: guidance manual for producer organizations, May 2004. - Commission Européenne- EU guideline for import of organic products into the EU, n°8 guideline for grower group, rev.1, December 2008. - NOSB Recommendation- Criteria for certification of Grower groups, October 2002.*	Ref. EU Regulation	C/E
F.	PRODUCER GROUP		
F.1.	Definitions		
	In addition to the definitions referred in A.2. of LACON Organic Standard, the following definitions shall apply for the purposes of this Standard: a) 'producer group' refers to a group of producers whose farms are uniform in most ways, and who are organized under one management and marketing system. b) 'production unit' means the portion of an organic operation where products are produced and/or handled post-harvest, including any sub-units located within geographic proximity. A production unit, including any sub-units located within geographic proximity, operates under the operation's organic system plan, and is managed through an internal control system to ensure compliance with all applicable provisions of the regulations. Each production unit within a production or post-harvest handling operation has defined location, practices, management and/or products. c) 'sub-unit' means a smaller discrete portion of a production unit, such as a field, plot, wild-crop harvest area, or distinct processing area. d) 'Internal Control System (ICS)' means a written quality assurance system included in a master organic system plan that sets forth the practice standards, recordkeeping and audit trail requirements applicable at each production unit, facility or site and that identifies the internal verification methods used. e) 'Site' means the location of management activities for a given production unit.	EU guideline for import of organic products into the EU, n°8 guideline for grower group, rev.1, December 2008.	E
F.2.	Group certification		
F.2.1.	Organization type		
	Smallholder producer organizations of different types are eligible for group certification:	EU guideline for import of organic products into	E

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	<p>a) Producer Group: an association or cooperative of farmers holds the organic certificate and organize the ICS (is the ICS operator),</p> <p>b) Contract Production: a trader or processor who is contracting small farmers holds the certificate and organize the ICS (is the ICS operator).</p> <p><i>note: in some case, the ICS operator does not own the certification because the certification is paid by a trader/importer.</i></p>	the EU, n°8 guideline for grower group, rev.1, December 2008.	
F.2.2.	General requirements for group certification		
F.2.2.1.	The certification is owned by the group, not any individual member or sub-unit, which may not represent itself as certified other than through the group.	EU guideline for import of organic products into the EU, n°8 guideline for grower group, rev.1, December 2008.	E
F.2.2.2.	The practices of the producer group operation must be uniform and reflect a consistent process or methodology, using the same inputs/ processes.		
F.2.2.3.	Participation in the producer group operation is limited to those group members who market their organic production only through the group, unless the member is individually certified.		
F.2.2.4.	Producer group operation must use centralized processing, distribution, marketing facilities and systems.		
F.2.2.5.	Recordkeeping protocols must be consistent. It is not acceptable that individual production units, sites or facilities differ in their methodology of record keeping.		
F.2.2.6.	The producer group operation must establish and implement an Internal Control System (ICS) with supervision and documentation of production practices and inputs used at each sub-unit, and collected at each production unit, site or facility to ensure compliance with LACON Organic Standard.		
F.3.	Production rules		
F.3.1.	Plant production rules		
	A producer group must fulfill the same specific requirements for plants and plant products as a single producer.		
	See Chapter B.3. and Chapter B.4.		
F.3.2.	Beekeeping production rules		
	A beekeeper group must fulfill the same specific requirements for beekeeping and beekeeping product as a single beekeeper.		
	See Chapter E.4.		

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F.4.	Internal Control System (ICS)		
F.4.1.	General requirements		
F.4.1.2.	The producer group operation must establish and implement an Internal Control System (ICS) with supervision and documentation of production practices and inputs used at each sub-unit, and collected at each production unit, site or facility to ensure compliance with LACON Organic Standard.	EU guideline for import of organic products into the EU, n°8 guideline for grower group, rev.1, December 2008.	E
F.4.1.2.	<p>LACON must approve the designation of specific members or sub-units as belonging to a single production unit according to the following criteria, as applicable to the group, the geographic location, and the type(s) of product being produced. All members or sub-units within a production unit:</p> <p>a) are unified by a shared training regimen;</p> <p>b) Operate together under the same section of the producer group operation's single Organic System Plan, including inputs used, fertility management and pest control practices, livestock feeding and health care practices, and record keeping and audit trail system. (This will require an adjustment to the status quo where members may be acting as autonomous members under a single OSP. Going forward, members will need to organize into production units for the sharing of best practices.);</p> <p>c) Share a common input supply;</p> <p>d) Share common personnel responsible for managing operations, providing extension services, monitoring and enforcing the functioning of the Internal Control System;</p> <p>e) Use a single post-harvest processing system;</p> <p>f) Are located within geographic proximity, as defined by access to the same collection or post-harvest handling facility, and/or common soils, water source, slope, topography or other physical features;</p> <p>g) Produce unique products or varieties and share the same harvest schedule likewise, if any member within a production unit processes or consolidates product from more than one member, it must be considered a single production unit and must be inspected annually. An upper limit on the number of members or subunits included in a given Production Unit should be based on the feasibility of effective oversight by management personnel and factors such as size and accessibility of the subunits.</p>		

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F.4.2.	Specific requirements for internal organic standard		
F.4.2.1.	<p>The internal organic regulation/ standard for a group is the reference standard for the internal control of this group.</p> <p>It must include the farm production requirements and the production rules to ensure sustainable and organic farming, which must be compliant with the corresponding scope of LACON Organic Standard (see Category B crops, C wild collection, D processing/handling, E livestock/beekeeping).</p> <p>The requirements of the internal standard and practical implications for the producers must be communicated clearly to all farmers in local language.</p>	EU guideline for import of organic products into the EU, n°8 guideline for grower group, rev.1, December 2008.	E
F.4.2.2.	LACON Organic Standard according to which certification is requested must be listed in the ICS manual.		
F.4.2.3.	<p>A sanction policy must be included in the internal organic standard in case of violation of contract, or deficiency/ non-compliances with the requirements of the organic standard, and indicating the sanction procedure and the corrective measures to implement.</p> <p>The sanctions must be documented (producer, plot, input etc..) and available.</p>		
F.4.3.	Specific requirements for ICS manual		
F.4.3.1.	Generalities		
	<p>The ICS manual contains a basic description of the organic project, including:</p> <p>a) an overview on the organic project sites (e.g. same region with similar characteristics) and</p> <p>b) a general overview on the farming system and agricultural practices of participating farmers (structure and size of the farms, cultivated crops and farming methods practiced by the concerned farmers, description of intensive and extensive management, livestock management, beehives and apiaries number..),</p> <p>c) a description of all steps that take place from harvest until the final sale of the product to another entity (post-harvest processing, final processing, transport, storage..), including indication of whose responsibility the product is under at each step,</p> <p>d) a risk assessment to identify risks on the farm level as well</p>	EU guideline for import of organic products into the EU, n°8 guideline for grower group, rev.1, December 2008.	E

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	as during post-harvest processing, final processing, transport, storage etc..		
F.4.3.2.	Update of ICS manual		
	<p>The ICS manual is updated when required. At least once a year before the beginning of the new season (start of internal onsite-inspections), the ICS manual is reviewed and modified when changes are required.</p> <p>Changes in the ICS manual are approved by the management (chairman of cooperative and organic coordinator)</p> <p>Reviewed ICS manual must be submitted to LACON at least with the relevant ICS documents.</p>	EU guideline for import of organic products into the EU, n°8 guideline for grower group, rev.1, December 2008.	E
F.4.3.3.	ICS records		
	<p>The ICS ensures that all relevant documentation for each certified farmer is available for inspection. The internal control is documented.</p> <p>For each farmer, following documents must be available:</p> <p>a) the contract/ agreement with the group;</p> <p>b) the application form (entrance sheet),</p> <p>c) the annual farm inspection checklist (current crops, inputs used, beehives number..) ,</p> <p>d) the updated map of all plots (fields, apiaries..).</p> <p>A summary of the ICS records for all farmers must be available for the external inspection by LACON. A list of all concerned farmers, corresponding plots and estimated harvest must be available as well before the external inspection.</p>	EU guideline for import of organic products into the EU, n°8 guideline for grower group, rev.1, December 2008.	E
F.4.4.	ICS personnel		
F.4.4.1.	An organization chart (name, position) of the operator's organization must be available.	EU guideline for import of organic products into the EU, n°8 guideline for grower group, rev.1, December 2008.	E
F.4.4.2.	<p>The ICS Personnel must not have any conflict of interest that might hinder the work.</p> <p>a) The internal inspector is not allowed to inspect his/her own fields/plots/hives or fields/plots/hives of his/her immediate neighbors, friends or family;</p> <p>b) All possible conflict of interest have to be declared in a written statement. It has to be ensured that alternative solutions are found for those case where a conflict of interest</p>	EU guideline for import of organic products into the EU, n°8 guideline for grower group, rev.1, December 2008.	E

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	would arise.		
F.4.4.3.	The <u>ICS operator</u> is responsible for the risk assessment.		
F.4.4.4.	<p>The <u>ICS coordinator</u> is in charge of coordinating the ICS, organizing the internal inspections, coordinating between field staff and approval staff, coordinating the external inspection and acting as contact person for LACON.</p> <p>He/she is responsible for distributing the updated procedures and forms after the changes to all parties at least once a year.</p> <p>It is his/her responsibility to ensure that all concerned personnel receive notification of which sections of the ICS manual have been changed. He/she shall ensure that all staff members are aware which forms/ procedures are valid and that they are aware of the changes.</p>		
F.4.4.5.	<p>Internal inspectors must be in a sufficient number.</p> <p>The <u>internal inspector</u> must be sufficiently qualified to perform a thorough and objective internal inspection. A CV, a contract (incl. his/her duties) and a signed declaration of conflict of interest must be available in a personnel file for each internal inspector.</p>	EU guideline for import of organic products into the EU, n°8 guideline for grower group, rev.1, December 2008.	E
F.4.4.6.	<p>The Organic Approval Personnel can be a qualified person (OA manager) or an approval committee, assigned to take internal approval decisions.</p> <p>The <u>Approval Personnel</u> must be qualified and able to take objective approval decisions.</p> <p>A CV, a signed declaration of conflict of interest, a written contract with the list of responsibilities must be available in a personnel file for each concerned person.</p>		
F.4.5.	Producer entrance		
	<p>All producers that shall be certified need to be formally registered as organic producers and members of the producer group.</p> <p>a) An application for a new producer/ member must indicate the total area under management (all plots), organic crops with area and/ or beehives and apiaries, farming method and last application of prohibited substances,</p>	EU guideline for import of organic products into the EU, n°8 guideline for grower group, rev.1, December 2008.	E

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	b) a contract/ agreement must be signed between each producer and the ICS operator in a language understood by the producer, and must be available in the communication language with LACON. The contract/ agreement must contain the requirements of organic standard to fulfill. A sanction policy must clearly indicate the consequences in case of violation of this contract. The contract must also permit internal and external inspectors to inspect the farm and farmer records.		
F.4.6.	Annual internal inspection		
	<p>Each registered organic producer is inspected by the internal control at least once a year by qualified internal inspectors.</p> <p>a) There is a visit at least once a year;</p> <p>b) The inspection must be carried out in presence of the producer (or his/ her representative) and must include a visit of the whole farm (fields and/or beehives storage, post-harvest unit, animal husbandry) and a yield/ harvest estimation. The internal inspector verifies the respect and implementation of the requirements of internal organic standard and corrective measures from the previous year inspection.</p> <p>c) The internal inspection is documented in a farm inspection sheet and signed by the producer (or his/her representative) and the internal inspector.</p> <p>A review must be done by the ICS Manager for approval and acceptance of the producer for the current certification year.</p> <p>In case of deficiencies/ non-compliances, the ICS manager must be advised and measures must be taken according to the internal sanction procedures.</p>	EU guideline for import of organic products into the EU, n°8 guideline for grower group, rev.1, December 2008.	E
F.4.7.	Trainings		
F.4.7.1.	Training of ICS personnel		
	<p>Each internal inspector must receive at least one training per year by a competent person.</p> <p>The training (date, content..) must be documented and kept in the personnel file.</p>	EU guideline for import of organic products into the EU, n°8 guideline for grower group, rev.1, December 2008.	E
F.4.7.2.	Training of producers		
	Training of producers permit to ensure that all producers understand the aim of an organic project and how is a farm to be managed to fulfill the organic requirements.	EU guideline for import of organic products into the EU, n°8	E

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	Each producer should receive at least one initial advisory visit by an extension service or take part to an organized training. The training (date, content..) must be documented and kept in a corresponding file.	guideline for grower group, rev.1, December 2008.	
F.5.	Collection, packaging, transport and storage of products		
F.5.1.	Collection of products and transport to preparation units		
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F.5.2.	Packaging and transport of products to other operators or units		
	See Point A.11.2.	889-Art.31 834-Art.29	C C
F.5.3.	Reception of products from other units		
	See Point A.11.3.	889-Art.33	C
F.5.4.	Storage of products		
	See Point A.11.4.	889-Art.35	C
F.6.	Labeling		
F.6.1.	General requirements		
	See Point A.6.		
F.6.2.	Specific labeling requirements for in-conversion products of plant origin		
	In-conversion products of plant origin may bear the indication "product under conversion to organic farming" provided that: a) a conversion period of at least 12 months before the harvest has been complied with; b) the indication shall appears in a colour, size and style of lettering which is not more prominent than the sales description of the product, the entire indication shall have the same size of letters; c) the product contains only one crop ingredient of agricultural origin; d) the indication is linked to the code number of LACON.	889-Art.62	C
F.6.3.	Specific labeling requirements for beekeeping products		
	Beekeeping products can be sold with reference to the organic production method only when the organic production rules have been complied with for at least one year.	889-38	C
F.7.	Controls		
F.7.1.	General control requirements		
	See Chapter A.7.		

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F.7.2.	Specific control requirements for producer groups								
F.7.2.1.	General description and purpose								
	LACON conducts at least one inspection per year of the producer group. However, not all producer group member farms or parcels are inspected annually by LACON. LACON inspects a pre-determined number of the farms or parcels representative for the producer group. LACON evaluates the effectiveness of the internal control system during the annual inspection for the purpose of verifying compliance with the production standard(s).	EU guideline for import of organic products into the EU, n°8 guideline for grower group, rev.1, December 2008.	E						
F.7.2.2.	Determining the number of farms or parcels or apiaries to be inspected								
F.7.2.2.1.	Each year, the external control body sets, in the context of the risk assessment, a sample of the farms which will be the subject of an annual inspection. The number of holdings subject to the external annual inspection shall in no case be less than 10.	EU guideline for import of organic products into the EU, n°8 guideline for grower group, rev.1, December 2008.	E						
F.7.2.2.2.	<p><u>Grower groups with 10 members or less:</u> If the entire grower group consists of 10 members or less, all farms or parcels must be externally inspected.</p> <p><u>Grower groups with more than 10 members:</u> A risk assessment is done by a competent LACON staff member who is familiar with the grower group before the inspection takes place taking into consideration any changes submitted by the grower group in the Organic System Plan or in the Description of Operation. In the case of a grower group in its initial year of certification, the risk assessment is done based on the information supplied by applicant about the grower group prior to the inspection. The grower group is classified as being a low risk, medium risk or high risk operation.</p> <p>The number of individual farms or parcels to be inspected is determined according to the following scheme:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Risk level</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Determination Formula for number of farms / parcels to be inspected</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">low</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Square root of number of growers in group</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">medium</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Square root of number of growers in group X 1,2</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">high</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Square root of number of growers in group X 1,4</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Determination of number of individual farms or parcels to be inspected must be adapted specifically for each project. For example, the project may be subdivided into several units and</p>			Risk level	Determination Formula for number of farms / parcels to be inspected	low	Square root of number of growers in group	medium	Square root of number of growers in group X 1,2
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	<p>it may be warranted that the above formula be applied to each unit.</p> <p>It must be ensured that an adequate number of farms or parcels are inspected in order to enable an evaluation of the effectiveness of the internal control system. The farms or parcels visited must be predominately different from year to year.</p>		
F.7.3.	Specific control requirements for plants and plant products		
	A producer group must fulfill the same specific requirements for plants and plant products as a single producer. See Chapter B.7.		
F.7.4.	Specific control requirements for beekeeping and beekeeping products		
	A beekeeper group must fulfill the same specific requirements for beekeeping and beekeeping product as a single beekeeper. See Chapter E.7.		

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ANNEX I
Model of a supplier declaration referred to in B.7.4.3. of LACON Organic Standard
(GMO free declaration)

Supplier declaration according to A.5.2. of LACON Organic Standard	
Name, address of supplier:	
Identification (lot nr., stock number..):	Product name :
<p>Components: (specify all components existing in the product/ used the last in the production process)</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	
<p>I declare that this product was manufactured neither « »from » nor « by » GMOs as those terms referred to A.2. and A.5.2. of LACON Organic Standard (equivalent to Articles 2 and 9 of Regulation (EC) 834/2007). I do not have any information which could suggest that this statement is inaccurate.</p> <p>Thus, I declare that the above named product complies with A.5.2. of LACON Organic Standard (equivalent to Article 9 of Regulation (EC) 834/2007) regarding the prohibition on the use of GMOs.</p> <p>I undertake to inform our customer and its control body/authority immediately if this declaration is withdrawn or modified, or if any information comes to light which would undermine its accuracy.</p> <p>I authorise LACON, which supervises our customer to examine the accuracy of this declaration and if necessary to take samples for analytic proof. I also accept that this task may be carried out by an independent institution which has been appointed in writing by LACON.</p> <p>The undersigned takes responsibility for the accuracy of this declaration.</p>	
Country, place, date. Signature of supplier:	Company stamp of supplier (if appropriate):

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ANNEX II

Community logo and LACON code number referred to in A.6.4. of LACON Organic Standard

A. Organic logo of the EU, referred to in A.6.4.

1. The Organic logo of the EU shall comply with the model below:



2. The reference colour in Pantone is Green Pantone No 376 and Green (50 % Cyan + 100 % Yellow), when a four- colour process is used.

3. The Organic logo of the EU can also be used in black and white as shown, only where it is not practicable to apply it in colour:



4. If the background colour of the packaging or label is dark, the symbols may be used in negative format, using the background colour of the packaging or label.

5. If a symbol is used in colour on a coloured background, which makes it difficult to see, a delimiting outer line around the symbol can be used to improve contrast with the background colours.

6. In certain specific situations where there are indications in a single colour on the packaging, the Organic logo of the EU may be used in the same colour.

7. The Organic logo of the EU must have a height of at least 9 mm and a width of at least 13,5 mm; the proportion ratio height/width shall always be 1:1,5. Exceptionally the minimum size may be reduced to a height of 6 mm for very small packages.

8. The Organic logo of the EU may be associated with graphical or textual elements referring to organic farming, under the condition that they do not modify or change the nature of the Organic logo of the EU, nor any of the indications mentioned at Article 58. When associated to national or private logos using a green colour different from the reference colour mentioned in point 2, the Organic logo of the EU may be used in that non-reference colour.

9. The use of the Organic logo of the EU shall be in accordance with the rules accompanying its registration as Organic Farming Collective Mark in the Benelux Office for Intellectual Property and in the Community and International Trademark Registers.

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B. Code numbers referred to in Article 58 / LACON Organic Standard A.6.5.

The general format of the code numbers is as follows:

AB-BIO-612 or AB-BIO-134

Where:

1. "AB" is the ISO code as specified in A.6.5.5.1. for the country where the controls take place; and
2. "BIO" is the term, indicated in three letters and decided by the Commission; and
3. "612" or "134" is the reference number attributed by the Commission to LACON GmbH.

"612" is to be used for certified clients located in Third Countries (still) not recognized as equivalent to Reg. (EC) 834/2007.

"134" is to be used for certified clients located in Third Countries already recognized as equivalent to Reg. (EC) 834/2007.

List of recognized Third Countries is updated yearly by the Commission in the updates of Reg. (EC) 1235/2008

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