

Certifiing of organic products in Ukraine

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ABSTRACT

Organic may be called the products which production has passed the certification procedure in the prescribed manner, and this products meet approved standards and are properly marked. The label of an organic product should have the logo and information about the organisation, which provides certification. Companies may mark their products as organic only if they have been certified by all stages of production: from water, air and earth and to finished products. Evaluation of products is going according to national and international standards that take into account not only compliance with the standard of the product by itself, but also all stages of its production, in terms of impact on the environment.

Today certifiing organic production in Ukraine is making by 12 European certification organizations. Certification is making according to the standards of the EU, the U.S. and others. Such companies as Control Union (Netherlands), IMO (Switzerland), as well as representatives from Italy, Germany, Hungary, Poland and others are working with ukrainian products for a long time. Companies have an opportunity to choose the certifying institution.

Today in Ukraine there is no proper developed national standards because organic products certified according to international standards such as:

- IFOAM - International Federation of Organic Agricultural Movement;
- Council Regulation EC 834/2007 and Council Regulation 2092/91 on organic production and labeling of appropriate agricultural and food products;
- "BIOLan" - private Ukrainian standards;
- National Organic Program (NOP) dollars;
- Japanese Agricultural Standards (JAS);
- Private Swiss Standards Association "Bio Svis";
- Demeter - standards of biodynamic agriculture;
- Domestic standards, regulations, programs and policies (guidelines and legal regulations).

There is only one Ukrainian campaign "Organic Standard," that provides similar services and has international accreditation. It is accredited according to standards ISO / IEC GUIDE 65:1996 and certifies depending on market orientation (Ukrainian, the international market is the U.S., Switzerland and Japan) standards Biolan, Council Regulation (EC) 834/2007, 889/2008 and NOP, JAS, Bio Suisse.

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