

2003

The Organic Certification Directory

The Organic Certification Directory 2003 is the special edition of The Organic Standard; issue 28, August 2003.

This is the first in a series of annually updated directories on organic certification bodies. The data comes from the Grolink AB collection and it offers interesting information. Did you for example know that there are only 7 certification bodies in the whole African continent, or that 65 of 83 certification bodies in Asia are Japanese? Now you have the chance to learn more and we hope that you have good use of this directory.

Content

Argentina	4
Australia	4
Austria.....	5
Belgium	7
Bolivia	7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	7
Brazil.....	7
Bulgaria	9
Canada	9
Chile.....	12
China P.R.	12
Costa Rica.....	13
Croatia	13
Cyprus.....	13
Czech Republic.....	13
Denmark.....	14
Egypt.....	14
Estonia	14
Finland.....	14
France	15
Georgia.....	15
Germany.....	16
Greece.....	19
Guatemala	19
Hungary.....	20
Iceland	20
India.....	20
Indonesia	21
Ireland.....	21

NOTE: In the PDF-file, the table of contents is hyperlinked, you just clic on a country name to get to the right page.

Israel.....	21
Italy	21
Japan	23
Kenya	28
Lithuania.....	28
Luxemburg.....	28
Mexico	29
Netherlands.....	29
New Zealand.....	29
Norway	30
Paraguay.....	30
Peru	30
Philippines.....	30
Poland	30
Portugal	31
Russia.....	31
Serbia and Montenegro	31
Slovakia	31
South Africa	31
Spain.....	32
ST Lucia.....	34
Sweden.....	34
Switzerland	34
Thailand.....	35
Turkey	35
Uganda	35
United Kingdom	35
USA.....	37

The Directory works like this

Whilst an extensive effort has been made to to cover all certification bodies operating an organic certification programme, we are aware that we may have missed some in this first publication. Readers will note that not all entries contain the full information as intended to be featured in the Directory. This is because respondents did not submit the information. Most particulars about the bodies are published as submitted. Independent verification of information was only made regarding approvals, namely IFOAM, EU, US and Japan from authoritative sources (e.g. official websites) as well as non-official published lists. Some entries were amended by us as the result of the verification process.

List of organisations: The criteria for listing is independent registered legal entities conducting and issuing certificates on their own right. Many bodies have branch and representative offices. Branch and representative offices conducting only inspections and processing applications are not listed separately, unless they are independent registered legal entities conducting and issuing certificates on their own right, not via the head office, or separately accredited or approved in the country/region where they operate. We apologise for mistakes we may have made in identifying and making this differentiation.

Country of operation: The home country where the organisation is based is not mentioned. Others are listed as submitted.

IFOAM accredited: Our reference is the list published by the IOAS dated 26th June 2003.

ISO 65 accredited: This also covers accreditation to EN45011. Claims are not independently verified.

EU approval: "YES" covers EU control bodies approved by their respective government to certify according to the EU organic regulations and certification bodies recognised through the 3rd country acceptance list, namely Argentina, Australia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Israel, Switzerland and New Zealand. Our reference are country listings compiled from several official as well as non official sources. EU certification bodies recognised by their respective governments for certification to private standards and not to the EU organic regulations are not noted with a YES. The same applies to certification bodies who claim they are approved via non-official private arrangements with approved bodies.

US approval: "YES" covers certification bodies, who are directly accredited by the National Organic Program, NOP or recognised through agreements the USDA has with governments, namely, Quebec, New Zealand and the UK. Our main reference is the NOP website and associated links.

Japan approval: Our reference is an unauthorised translation of a list compiled by a well informed source in Japan. We have not been able to locate an official list in English.

Other approvals: These cover other certification programmes the body operates besides organic certification as well as recognition by authorities besides the EU, US and Japan for organic certification. Claims mentioned are not independently verified