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Progress with the new EU import regime

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EU legislation : imports

- **Council Regulation 834/2007, Articles 32 - 33**
 - **Commission Regulation 1235/2008 on imports**
- + *Guidelines on imports of organic products into the EU (15.12.2008 rev.1)***



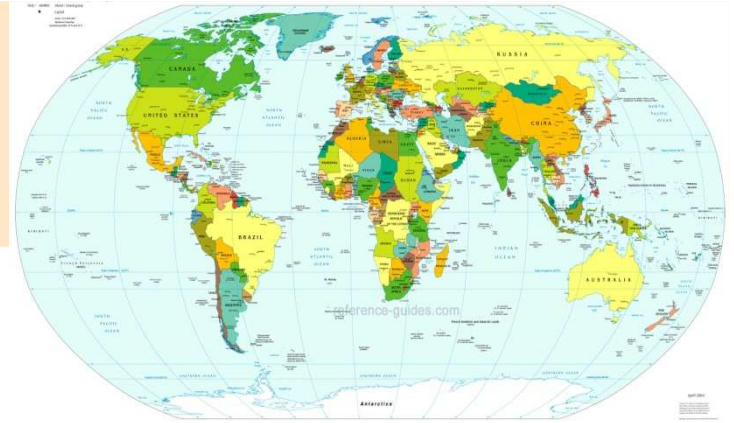
Equivalence

Third Country list

**Member State
authorisations**

Imports

(before 1.1.2009)



Imports after 1.1.2009

Compliance

Control Body list
for compliance

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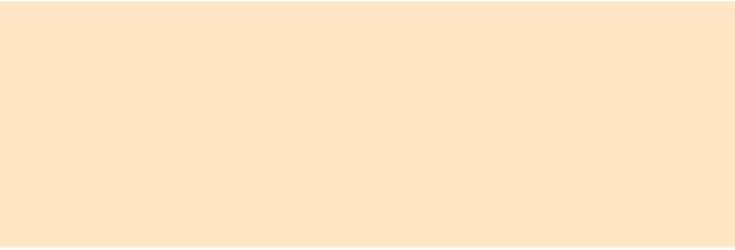


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List of Equivalent Third Countries

(Article 33.2 of 834/2007)

- 8 countries listed (Tunisia added in June 2009)
- 19 applications
- next country to be added : Japan
- will be probably followed by : Canada
- negotiations with the US
- recent progress on other countries (China, Turkey, Peru)



Equivalent Third Countries

Listed (8)

Switzerland
Israel
Australia
New Zealand
India
Argentina
Costa Rica
Tunisia

Applied (19)

Turkey	Ecuador	Uruguay
	Peru	Bolivia
Canada	Dom. Rep.	Guatemala
USA	Honduras	Paraguay
China	Colombia	El Salvador
Thailand	Mexico	Chile
Japan	Nicaragua	



List of control bodies for equivalence **(Article 33.3 of 834/2007)**

- Deadline for first round of requests : 31.10.2009**
- 72 requests received from control bodies and authorities both from and outside the EU**
- Evaluation by the Commission**
- First list to be published in 2010 or early 2011**
- Next rounds of requests : by 31.10 each year**



List of Control bodies for compliance (Article 32.2 of 834/2007)

- For products fully complying with EC Regulations
- Deadline for first round of requests :
31.10.2011
- Next rounds of requests : by 31.10 each year
- First list to be published in 2012 or early 2013



Member State authorizations

(Article 19 of 1235/2008)

- **MS can on case-by-case basis issue import authorizations (for a consignment of organic products)**
- **MS authorizations are phased out between 2011 and 2013**
- **When first list control bodies for equivalence is published, MS can still grant authorizations**
- **MS authorizations end 31.12.2012**



Use of the new EU-logo on imported products

- **Use is optional (Article 24 of 834/2007)**
- **Independent of import system applied**
- **Place of farming**
 - *Non-EU agriculture*
 - *Third country*
- **Code number of Control Body**
 - *Will be coordinated by European Commission*
 - *Format AB-CDE-999*



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