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Dear Mr. Koch,

we herewith confirm that EU operators certified to the EU organic standard (regulation EC No. 834/2007 and implementation rules) may label and sell their products in US as organic without mandatory certification according to US National organic program 7 CFR Part 205.

Concerning the export of organic products from the EU to US please note that this agreement is limited to the following products:

- Organic products (with the exception of aquatic animals), that have been either produced within the EU or whose final processing or packaging occurs within the EU.
- This includes products processed or packaged in the EU that contain organic ingredients from foreign sources that have been certified to the EU organic standard.
- Only one exception : Agricultural products derived from animals treated with antibiotics shall not be marketed as organic in the US.

If your products fall in the scope and comply with the terms of this equivalency arrangement, you will not need to be certified anymore according NOP (certificate of organic operation) in Europe but only to your local standard (Regulation EC 834/2007).

This agreement started 1st of June 2012 and is ruled on EU side by Regulation EU 126/2012 and on US side by <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/getfile?dDocName=STELPRDC5097061> (FAQ)

Concerning the labelling both EU and USDA organic seals may be used on products traded under the terms of this arrangement. When using the other country's seal, products must meet all labeling requirements in the destination country.

In order to confirm that products comply with the terms of the equivalency arrangement, accompanying import certificates will be mandatory for all exports from the EU into the US. The import certificates will be issued by ECOCERT Deutschland GmbH as your certification body and will be shipped together with the products. Please request the import certificate duly before the shipment planned with a copy of the invoice and the B/L.

Don't hesitate to contact in case of further questions.

Best regards


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Certification officer
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