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**ABG-internal checklist for checking labels for organic food
with at least 95 % organic ingredients**

		ok?
1	Information on the label is consistent with the current certificate *	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Organic logo of the EU used and shown correctly	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	All required information regarding the Organic logo of the EU is used and correct	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	List of ingredients (if more than one ingredient) available and correct regarding EU Organic Regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Other used logos are used correctly	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	All information on the label is readable	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	No contradictory information on the label	<input type="checkbox"/>

* space for comments

Space for the checked label:

Explanation to the individual points:

1. The label and the certificate are matching:

Name and address have to match. Instead of "First name" also „Family“ may be used. The product of the label is on the certificate.

2. Organic logo of the EU:

The minimum size of 9 x 13.5 mm must not be undercut. (Attention at handling in the office: pdf-printout resp. the fax are not in the original size!! Information resp. inquiry to the company.) The proportion of height and width size have to be 1:1.5; that means the logo shouldn't be distorted.

It's only allowed to undercut the minimum size when it's impossible to put the normal logo on a little packaging. Just because it fits better graphically or the logo is unappealing for the client, it is not permitted to use a smaller presentation than the minimum size.

You have to use the original colours for a 4-coloured-printout. Otherwise every other colour is acceptable, also a photographic negative would be correct. (Black stars on a white background with a frame line)

For the correct minimum size of the ABG/EU combination logo, please see point 5

3. Mandatory information regarding the Organic logo of the EU:

unchangeable order:

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|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 st row: | code number of inspection body (IB) | This order has to be a fixed block!! |
| 2 nd row: | indication of origin | |
- (The indication of origin can also go over 2 lines, then there are a total of 3 lines.)

The code number of the inspection body should be written in capitals (e. g. AT-BIO-301). This text has to be in the same visual field as the Organic logo of the EU. The visual field is very inaccurately defined in food law. However, ABG strongly recommends placing this block directly above, directly below or directly to the left or right of the Organic logo of the EU. Only there the customer will easily find these additional details.

The indication of origin has to be true (taking into account the 2% tolerance). It's not allowed to write „EU/non-EU Agriculture“, hoping that this statement can never be wrong. The wording of the indication of origin is fixed and must be presented in the same way as stated in the EU Organic Regulation. Please pay attention to hyphens, slashes, space keys, unauthorized abbreviations such as "Austr.", etc.

Correct depiction:	EU Agriculture	Austria Agriculture
	EU/non-EU Agriculture	Austrian Agriculture
	non-EU Agriculture	AT agriculture
	others e.g.: Indian agriculture	Indian Agriculture

4. List: of ingredients:

According to the EU Organic Regulation it must be clear from the ingredients list which of the ingredients are organic.

If all ingredients are included in the product name, no list of ingredients is required, e. g. "Organic Apple/Pear Juice".

For several ingredients, it must be indicated to the users which of the ingredients are actually organic. There are no fixed specifications for the form of this information, it just needs to be understandable and conclusive, e. g.

- mark with a star or footer
- a hint on each organic product, e.g. „organic apricots, organic sugar, organic ...“

- if really all ingredients are organic: „ingredients (all organic): apricots, sugar, ...“
- or give a hint below the ingredients list, e.g.: „all ingredients from organic agriculture“

Special case “liqueurs”:

It's not necessary to have a ingredients list if 100 % of the ingredients are organic. If the product contains conventional ingredients (only when it's allowed) you have to create an ingredients list (although perhaps not necessary according to food law). In this ingredients list all organic ingredients have to be marked. If, for whatever reason, ingredients are voluntarily indicated, then this list of ingredients must be complete; i. e. ALL ingredients must be specified and it must be clear which of these ingredients are organic.

Special case “hard liqueurs” (schnaps):

For hard liquors (schnaps ...) a list of ingredients is not necessary, even if the mash is made from several fruits (e.g. fruit brandy). Reason: Mash is considered as one ingredient.

Pay attention to the specification of non-agricultural ingredients. They must not have an indication about organic farming.

5. Other labels:

- ABG-label:
Circular! Sometimes it can be distorted by a graphical mistake.
- “AT-BIO-301“ must not be left out!
The minimum size depends on the readability of AT-BIO-301.
- Combined-label ABG/EU organic logo:
The minimum size of the combined label results from the minimum size of the Organic logo of the EU – it is:
 - in horizontal format: 28.5 x 15 mm
 - portrait format: 16 x 27.5 mm
 The original must not be changed.
The indication of origin agrees with the ingredients.
The font of the mandatory information is readable.
- Logos of Organic Associations:
They may of course only be used with appropriate association membership and must be reproduced true to original. There are also combinations of association labels and Organic logo of the EU. They also must have a minimum size of 9 x 13 mm on the label. The origin details must match with the ingredients. The font of the mandatory information is readable.

6. Readability:

All fonts including the mandatory information in the Organic logo of the EU must be legible (not too small). According to food law there are minimum sizes for the fonts. According to the EU Organic Regulation there is no minimum font size.

Nevertheless, there is the requirement, that everything must be readable, which is stated on the label. Otherwise it would not make sense.

Hints:

- Always inform the customers, that we only inspect the organic regulations. Food law regulations will not be inspected or sanctioned by us. If the clients have questions concerning the food law tell them to contact the the local authorities or the food inspector.
- Print data for the ABG logo, the Organic logo of the EU and the various variants of the combination logo are available on our HP under the menu item "Logos".

Common mistakes

- minimum size of the Organic logo of the EU
- the label is distorted. Please pay attention to the actual correct depiction.
- mandatory details are missing
- mandatory details are misspelled or the content is wrong (e.g.: Austria agriculture, although more than 2 % sugar from Brazil).
- fuzzy reproduction of the logos
- the fonts are not readable
- wrong (old) code number of inspection body
- code number of inspection body is combined with any other number. Recommendation: A membership number of any association is not relevant.