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### Important update of the Kiwa BCS Organic Production Standard

Dear Kiwa BCS client,

We need to inform you about an important update of the Kiwa BCS Organic Production Standard which is equivalent to the EU organic regulation (= EU Reg. 834/2007 and 889/2008, etc.). This change affects any kind of agricultural production.

During the past years, Kiwa BCS – like many other EU accredited certification bodies (CBs) – had evaluated the use of some natural substances and products made of natural substances.

The EU Commission has now informed us that substances which are not listed in Annex I and II of EU Regulation 889/2008 are not permitted to be used - even if they have been classified as equivalent by an accredited CB.

This means, with immediate effect, any fertilizer, soil conditioner or plant protection product used in organic agricultural production certified by Kiwa BCS can only be composed of substances (active ingredients) listed in Annex I and II of the EU Regulation 889/2008.

We have therefore updated our Kiwa BCS Organic Production Standard and refer to the (consolidated) version of the Annexes I and II of the EU Regulation 889/2008. It will be released promptly as soon as confirmed by the accreditation body DAKKS. Then the new revised version 8 of the Kiwa BCS Organic Production Standard will be available and can be downloaded on our homepage by following the link below.

[http://www.kiwabcs.com/Certification\\_process\\_status/documents/](http://www.kiwabcs.com/Certification_process_status/documents/)

If you are in possession of remaining stocks of substances or products NOT listed in Annex I and II of the EU Regulation 889/2008, please make sure that they will not be used anymore within organic production. This will be verified during the next inspection – incl. sampling.



We are aware of the fact, that this is an immediate and drastic change in agricultural practice. However, we suggest all our clients to search instantly for alternative substances or products which are, without doubt, listed in Annex I and II of the EU Organic Regulation EC 889/2008, as the focus of the next inspection will be directed on this subject and may include sampling and analysis. If evidence or proof of application of such substances or products is found, you are taking a risk that the effected fields/plots or crops will loose their "organic" status.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this urgent matter.

Yours faithfully,

for **Kiwa BCS Öko-Garantie GmbH**

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