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Ukrainian certification body Organic Standard Ltd, that provides certification services for organic production in Ukraine, is included in the List of Recognized Certification Bodies and Inspection Authorities, recognized by Switzerland.

24.09.2012 the Federal Office for Agriculture in Switzerland has published an amendment to the Ordinance on Organic Farming, which contains the list of control bodies carrying out their certification activity outside the country.

Publication of this list plays an important role and simplifies greatly the procedure of export, according to which products, certified by mentioned control bodies, can be exported without import permission¹.

It's worth mentioning that among products that have got free access to the Swiss market, are: unprocessed plant products, live animals or unprocessed animal products, and processed agricultural products for use as food.

In addition to Organic Standard Ltd, Italian certification body ICEA will be able to suggest beneficial terms of export of unprocessed plant products and processed agricultural products for use as food in Switzerland.

In accordance with the list, Organic Standard has got a new registration number UA-BIO-108 with the help of which the production will be marked from now on.



Reference:

Certification body Organic Standard was established by the leading Ukrainian organizations, which represent organic sector in Ukraine. It was founded in the framework of Swiss-Ukrainian project "Organic Certification and Market Development in Ukraine" in 2007. The aim was to develop Ukrainian organic market and to provide access for Ukrainian producers to recognized and accessible certification.

Organic standard Ltd has gained the International Accreditation against Standards ISO Guide 65 in 2009. It gave an opportunity to conduct certification according to the Equivalent European Union Organic Production & Processing Standard for Third Countries (Council Regulation (EC) № 834/2007 and Commission Regulation (EC) № 889/2008) in Ukraine.

Nowadays Organic Standard has become a leading certification body in Ukraine, more than 50% organic producers were certified by OS.

In 2011 Organic Standard started its activity in Belarus.

Organic Standard: Our control – Your confidence

**Best regards,
The General Manager of Organic Standard,
Sergiy Galashevskyy**

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