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Ukrainian certification body Organic Standard Ltd that provides services in certification of organic production in Ukraine according to the EU Regulations, is included in the list of control bodies and control authorities, recognized by the European Commission.

06.12.2011 the European Commission has published an official document which contains the list of control bodies carrying out their certification activity outside the EU. Companies listed therein declare that certified products meet the requirements of the Equivalent European Union Organic Production & Processing Standard (Regulation (EU) 834/2007 and Regulation (EC) 889/2008) for Third Countries and can be sold within the European Union.

More than 70 certification bodies had applied for being included in the list. However, after detailed examining of technical documentation by Committee for two years, only 30 of them were approved. Among 16 Ukrainian certification bodies only two companies has got into that list.

Publication of the list plays an important role and simplifies greatly the procedure for export to the European Union. According to the new rules that come into the force since 01.07.2012 products certified by such control bodies can be exported to European countries without import permission¹.

Organic Standard Ltd is included in the list of control bodies and control authorities, recognized by the European Commission. From the moment of entering into force of this working procedure, products that were certified by Organic Standard will get the access to the European market. At the same time, the certification body will be under supervision of European Commission.

In accordance with this 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.**



The official document can be downloaded from

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2011:324:0009:0022:EN:PDF>

¹ Import permission is an official document that is issued by the state authority and is considered as permission for import of organic goods to EU from other countries.

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.

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