



BCS ÖKO-GARANTIE GMBH

BCS ÖKO-GARANTIE GMBH has been approved as a private inspection body since May 11, 1992, with the task of implementing the Council Regulation on products of organic origin. The foundations of BCS as an absolutely independent specialist institute are our many years of experience and our manifold contributions to the development of organic agriculture at all levels. Our aim is the furtherance of reliable organic agriculture! It is our opinion that control is indispensable for the protection of the reliable producer, the consequent vendor and the trusting buyer. Control must not slow down the development on the organic market. Confidence, however, is best inspired and solidified by transparency, which we guarantee by the fulfilment of the European Standard 45011, proved by the German Accreditation Council DAR, member of the IAF.

BCS ÖKO-GARANTIE employs about 50 experienced experts for the inspections of agricultural operations and of companies in all sectors of the food industry. These experts are active in projects of their respective subjects with a background of practical experience, thus knowing the critical areas. Therefore they can lend assistance in all matters regarding the inspection.

As an inspection partner **BCS ÖKO-GARANTIE** accompanies more than 800 food processors, export and import companies, either directly or by order of renowned growers associations, and has guided them towards the standard of Council Regulation (EU) 2092/91. More than 18 % of the processed organic food in Germany is actually wearing our control number.

On the farmers level more than 40.000 growers do trust in our services. Considering this fact means an important recognition for us. But it is also a challenge to maintain the same level of professional performance while steadily increasing our business relationships.

As a possibility to distinguish oneself in the vast range of organic products **BCS ÖKO-GARANTIE** offers a **control seal** for products of a higher standard than the one set by the Council Regulation. For the consumer the BCS seal (see cover) is an easily recognizable symbol of the organic quality of the offered product.

On request **BCS ÖKO-GARANTIE** also supervises and assesses the contract conditions, standards and licence fees for associations and other holders of trademarks.

BCS ÖKO-GARANTIE controls and certifies companies and products of organic origin all over the world according to

- Regulation (EU) 2092/91
- NOP (National Organic Program)/USDA
- JAS (Japanese Agricultural Standard of Organic Agricultural Products)
- EUREPGAP (Euro-Retailer Produce Working Group -Good Agricultural Practice)

In the fields of agriculture, processing, import and export.

BCS ÖKO-GARANTIE assists in export procedures of organic products from third countries to the EU. Import procedures to the EU, the USA and Japan are much facilitated for products with a BCS certificate.

BCS ÖKO-GARANTIE is in close contact to international experts and organisations for organic agriculture in many countries all over the world. And of course we are a member of IFOAM and IOIA. Please find the addresses of our separate branch offices on the backside of this flyer.

BCS ÖKO-GARANTIE is actually focussing its activities in Europe, Latin America as a whole, China, Eastern Europe/Russia, Turkey and Africa. Additionally there are more than 50 countries where BCS has got clients/projects without maintaining a separate branch office such as Ethiopia, Thailand, Tanzania, Syria, India, Georgia, Moldawia, Poland, Bulgaria, Russia, Ukraine, Hawaii, Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Panama, Peru, Colombia, Uruguay, Guatemala, Tunisia and many more. Actually BCS runs 14 branch offices. Please find their addresses on the backside of this flyer.

BCS ÖKO-GARANTIE co-operates with well-known organisations all over the world, e.g. with

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| - QAI (USA) | - Soil Association (GB) |
| - Bio Suisse (Switzerland) | - Ernte, ABG (Austria) |
| - Naturland (Germany) | - Demeter (D) |
| - CCI (Colombia) | - MAYACERT (Guatemala) |
| - PTRE (Poland) | - KRAV (Sweden) |

All these international alliances guarantee to our clients, that **our seal and services offer worldwide access to the organic market community.**

All employees of **BCS ÖKO-GARANTIE** are inspired by the following company philosophy: A formally correct, reliable and well-informed inspection is a prerequisite for transparency. Control is necessary to satisfy the need for protection. It is the aim of BCS as an independent, competent and trustworthy partner to support the efforts of all those who actively participate in the expansion of a respectable organic agriculture.

Also for you **BCS ÖKO-GARANTIE** is the right partner for up-to-date and reliable investigations, information and contacts.

BCS ÖKO-GARANTIE provides security - for you and for your clients.

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