



## BCS ÖKO-GARANTIE GMBH

**BCS ÖKO-GARANTIE** controls and certifies companies and products of organic origin all over the world in the fields of

- A. AGRICULTURE
- B. PROCESSING
- C. IMPORT AND EXPORT.

**BCS ÖKO-GARANTIE** controls according to the EU Council Regulation (EEC) 2092/91 - as well as according to the US American National Organic Programme (NOP), the Japanese Agricultural Standard (JAS) or other national "organic" regulations.

**BCS ÖKO-GARANTIE** has been approved as a private inspection and certification body since May 11, 1992, with the primary task of implementing the EC Council Regulation on products of organic origin. The foundations of BCS as an absolutely independent specialist institute are our long lasting experience and our manifold contributions to the development of organic agriculture at all levels. Our aim is the promotion 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 (that includes the ISO Guide 65), 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.

As an inspection partner **BCS ÖKO-GARANTIE** accompanies more than 60.000 producers and over 800 food processors, export and import companies, either directly or by order of renowned growers associations, and has guided them towards the standard of the EU Council Regulation (EEC) 2092/91. More than 50 % of the processed organic food in Germany is actually showing our control number. 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 an additional possibility to distinguish oneself in the vast range of organic products **BCS ÖKO-GARANTIE** offers a registered **control seal**. For the consumer the BCS

seal is an easily recognizable symbol of the organic quality of the offered product. Especially in case of products that are not covered by the EU Council Regulation (EEC) 2092/91 but nevertheless certified as organic according to private BCS-standards (e.g. organic fertilizers and products from aquaculture) the BCS seal might be of particular interest.

On request **BCS ÖKO-GARANTIE** also supervises and assesses the contract conditions, standards and licence fees for **Associations** and other holders of trademarks and seals as Demeter, Bioland, Naturland, Soil Association, Bio Suisse, ...

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

**BCS ÖKO-GARANTIE** acts on behalf of the German foreign aid organisations gtz/Protrade and is in close contact to international experts and organisations for organic agriculture in many countries all over the world. We are also member of IFOAM and IOIA.

**Actually BCS runs 9 branch offices** in the following countries:

- Dominican Republic
- Costa Rica
- Ecuador
- Chile
- Brazil
- Turkey
- Egypt/Middle East
- Thailand/Southeast Asia
- China

Additionally there are more than 50 countries where BCS has got clients/projects without maintaining a separate branch office such as Ethiopia, Tanzania, South Africa, Syria, India, Sri Lanka, Philippines, Taiwan, Cambodia, Polynesia, Georgia, Moldavia, Romania, Poland, Bulgaria, Russia, Ukraine, Hawaii, Cuba, Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Panama, Peru, Colombia, Uruguay, Mexico, Tunisia, Japan and many more.

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

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

All these international alliances guarantee to our clients, that **our 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 and 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.

There is always a chance to contact us, somewhere in the world! For more information, please feel free to contact one of our offices:

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