

Here is a small selection of international
Bio labels



Austria



Poland



Sweden



Denmark



Czech Republic



France



Netherlands



Bulgaria



Switzerland



USA



Romania

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'Projekte', 'Bio-Kennzeichnung für
Lebensmittel'



An Overview in the Jungle of Bio and Eco Labels

We will be happy to answer any questions
that you may have

Consumer Information on ecological
Products in the Food Industry



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This flyer should help you to a better understanding of bio or eco food labels. The new EU regulation EG 834/2007 applies since the 01.01.2009. The controls for ecological products and their production will be strengthened, this means more transparency for the consumer. The German bio label and the trademark of the German association of crop producing farmers may still be on the packaging, but since the 01.07.2010 the new EU label must also be visible on the packaging.



EU Bio Label



German Bio Label

With regard to the contents this changes nothing the new label stands for the same criteria as the six sided German crop producing farmers' label. The new EU label should in future be on products that are:

- at least 95 percent from biological cultivation.
- They may only contain a minimal unavoidable amount of genetically altered material
- Chemical or synthetic pesticides in food products are as a rule forbidden for usage of the new label.
- The farmer may only use pesticides and fertilisers that are compatible with the rules for bio production
- Farm animals must be kept in a species appropriate manner, their eco food should be produced on the farm or at least on a neighbouring farm. By-products from plants and animals should be recycled to save resources.

Farmers Associations



Bioland



Ecovin



Biopark



Gää



Demeter



Naturland

Bio-Supermarkets



Alnatura



Basic



Erdkorn

Supermarkets



Kaiser's
Tengelmann



Rewe



Kaufland

Discounters



Aldi Nord



Aldi Süd



Lidl



Norma



Penny



Netto

Chemist's and Health food Shops



Müller



Rossmann



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An independent organisation or official department should control the farm at least once a year. A violation of the rules can result in the withdrawal of the right to use the bio label on their products.

Obligatory data required for the qualification for the use of a bio label

1. Name and address of the owner or seller.
2. Description of the product
3. Product related bio evidence (i.e. 'Eco wheat' or an accumulative labelling 'when not otherwise shown all the products are from ecological farming'.)
4. code number and controlling body

The bio label is only complete with the code number of the controlling body this applies in the whole of the EU, only those who take part in the control process may use the term bio (accordant with VO 834/2007 Article 24).

The number for the eco controlling body must be in close proximity to the bio leaf symbol. The number consists of a country code (i.e. DE for Germany) and three letters (in Germany ÖkO) and three numbers that show the controlling body.

In Germany the code number for the controlling body is i.e. 'Kontrollverein ökologischer Landbau e.V.':

DE-ÖKO-022

Under the controlling body there must be an indication of the country of origin whether an E.U. or a third country and genetically altered components must also be declared. Only if the products are labelled with these compulsory details can the consumer be sure to have purchased a bio product.