To all Importers of Organic produce


On 1 December 2003 National Legislation known as The Organic Products (Imports from Third Countries) Regulations 2003 will come into force. It provides the necessary enforcement powers for Port Health Authorities (PHAs) to enforce Regulation (EC) No. 1788/2001 and for PHAs to charge for endorsing the Certificate of Inspection required by the Regulation.

A version of The Organic Products (Imports from Third Countries) Regulations 2003 can be found at [http://www.hmso.gov.uk/si/si2003/20032821.htm](http://www.hmso.gov.uk/si/si2003/20032821.htm)

We have produced guidance on both the EU legislation and the national legislation, which we hope takes into account most of the queries and concerns we have received over the last year. This guidance can be found on the organic imports section of the Defra website at [http://www.defra.gov.uk/farm/organic/imports/imports.htm](http://www.defra.gov.uk/farm/organic/imports/imports.htm) under the section relating to Regulation (EC) 1788/2001.

If anything relating to the national legislation, the Commission Regulation or the guidance is not clear please do not hesitate to contact us using the details below.

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