

Revision of EU regulation 2092/91

Target 1 January 2009



EU Import Rules today

Regulation	Implementation by	Imports
Approval of country (Article 11.1)	EU	Argentina Australia Costa Rica India Israel Switzerland New Zealand
Approval of a lot of imports on the request of the importer (Article 11.6)	Member states	From > 100 countries (80% of imports)



Third country list

- Based on equivalency of standards and certification
- Very slow process
- No requirement for ISO 65 accreditation
- Incurs de facto higher requirements than 11.6
- Limitations to the approval



Importer derogation

- Based on equivalency of standards and certification – in theory, in reality:
 - certification to the EU regulation and
 - ISO 65 Accreditation
- Doesn't give any formal recognition to the certification body – also not to EU bodies
- Set to expire this month!



New EU regulation

- Third Country List
 - Reference to Codex Alimentarius to be taken into account when judging equivalence of standards
 - No direct requirement for ISO 65 accreditation
- Direct approval of equivalent certification bodies
 - Reference to Codex Alimentarius to be taken into account when judging equivalence of standards
 - No requirement for ISO 65 accreditation
- Direct approval of compliant certification bodies
 - Standards: EU regulation
 - ISO 65 accreditation



New EU regulation

- Will – in theory:
 - give a more transparent and quicker path for certification bodies outside the EU to get approval regardless if there is a regulation or not in their country of operation
 - allow for local bodies to certify to local standards instead of the EU regulation
- The devil is in the details



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- **Either the importer derogation is extended once more or the new rules will be incorporated in 2092/91 next week**

