



CHECK ORGANIC SUCCESSFULLY IMPROVES ORGANIC INTEGRITY

Nuremberg, 13th February 2019. Organic Services, the international consultancy firm for the organic food industry, is looking forward to meeting BIOFACH visitors from around the globe at stand 653 in hall 1. Various examples prove the success of one of their most popular software tools – Check Organic – that helps processors, traders and certification bodies (CBs) to fight fraud and create transparency along the entire supply chain. Two supporting events „Promoting excellence and fighting fraud with Check Organic“ will be held on Wednesday, 14th February at 3 pm in NCC Ost, room Prag and “Blockchain, remote sensing and non-analytical tools for enhancing integrity in supply chains“ on the same day at 1 pm in room Oslo.

An international platform for organic certification data

Check Organic is a real-time source of global certification data. Utilizing the information uploaded by its users worldwide, the platform maps the flow of goods and monitors the volumes of organic produce traded along the supply chain. With Check Organic, processors and traders can significantly mitigate fraud risks by real-time certification and mass balance data, **ensuring that they are really selling what their labels promise**. Time- and money-intensive retrospective backtracking of supplies is no longer required, and audit and inspection procedures are substantially eased.

Check Organic is systematically going global – a comprehensive bottom up and top down approach

As a system is only as good as its data, Organic Services strives to encourage farmers, processors, traders and CBs worldwide to provide information within the Check Organic platform. In order to accelerate and facilitate the process of globalisation of the system, **talks with the National Organic Program (NOP) of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the European Commission** are already under way. Furthermore, Organic Services participates in concrete national and international projects where Check Organic operates as a reliable real-time data base of supply chains.

Implementing an organic integrity system for Kazakhstan

An example is the organic food integrity project in Kazakhstan. The project was supported by **the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FOA)**. **Check Organic has proven itself to be the ideal tool to track the integrity of Kazakhstan's development towards increasing organic exports and sustainable income opportunities**. Within the given project time frame of only 12 months, numerous stakeholder meetings, field trips, conferences and workshops with agricultural experts from Kazakhstan, its neighbouring countries and Germany were organized. Close cooperation with the Kazakh Ministry of Agriculture shall ensure the continuation of Kazakhstan's path towards a more sustainable agricultural future, which will hopefully inspire other countries to follow.



Check Organic 2.0: „Check X“ to secure general European food integrity

Another project with substantial international outreach is the EU-funded Food Integrity Project. It comprises participants from 18 European countries, China and Argentina. The project aims to improve the quality, authenticity and safety of the European food chain which is under a constant fraud threat – and this not only when it comes to organic. In this context, Organic Services has developed Check Organic into an even more comprehensive integrity tool: „Check X“, which will be able to track commodities along the supply chain offering the same real-time information on criteria based certification and product transactions (mass balance). To ensure that the tool will be beneficial both in theory and practice, relevant stakeholders have taken part in workshops, interviews and site visits.

About Organic Services

Organic Services is an international **consultancy** firm based in Germany. Its services enhance sustainability, integrity and business success throughout the organic food industry. Since its foundation in 2004, Organic Services has specialised in providing **software-based solutions** which enable producers, processors, traders and CBs to manage **traceability, quality, auditing and certification** processes along the supply chain. Following an interdisciplinary approach, the consultancy also offers strategic and organisational **business development, market research, trade support, project and event** management. As a competent partner, Organic Services has been organising the BIOFACH Congress since 2006 and helped to set up the BIOFACH fairs in China, Brazil and India.

BIOFACH-Events by Organic Services

Ecert Basic as tool for local and small certifiers	13.02.2019 / 11:30 am - 12:30 pm / Room Prag / NCC Ost
Blockchain, remote sensing and non-analytical tools for enhancing integrity in supply chains	14.02.2019 / 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm / Room Oslo / NCC Ost
Promoting excellence and fighting fraud with Check Organic	14.02.2019 / 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm / Room Prag / NCC Ost
Group Integrity as data management tool for ICS grower groups	15.02.2019 / 12:00 pm - 12:45 pm / Room Prag / NCC Ost

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