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**Regulations for the importation and labelling of organic foods  
in the European Union**

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## **Council Regulation 2092/91/EEC (EU Regulation on Organic Farming)**

- **Regulating production of agricultural products (plants and animal husbandry) and indications referring thereto on agricultural products and foodstuffs**
- **Concept of sustainability by diversification of the farm eco system**
- **Concept of varied cultivation practices**

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## The EU Regulation 2092/91 on Organic Farming

- overrules all withstanding or parallel National Law of the Member States
- establishes the common European organic food market
- establishes the EU organic inspection system
- opens the EU organic food market to Third Countries

## Structure of the Regulation

- **Scope** (Art. 1+2)
- **Labeling** (Art. 5)
- **Processing** (Art. 5) + Annex VI
- **Organic Farming** (Art. 6+7) + „Principles of Organic Production at Farm Level“ (Annex I)+ Positive list of substances (Annex II)
- **Inspection System** (Art. 8+9) + „Minimum Inspection Requirements“ in Annex III
- **Organic Logo** (Art. 10) + (Annex V)
- **Third Country Imports** (Art. 11) + Third Country List (Reg. 522/96)

## Scope

- Unprocessed agricultural crop products, livestock and unprocessed livestock products
- Processed agricultural crop and livestock products for human consumption
- Feeding stuffs, compounds of feeding stuffs and feed materials

## Labeling

- **General:** any message, any words, trade marks, brand names, pictorials or symbols giving the impression to the consumer that this product is organic has to comply with the Regulation
- **Labeling of conversion only for single raw products (mono-product)**
- **>95% organic ingredients = organic**
- **>70% organic ingredients = made with organic ingredients**

## Processing

- **Ingredients of agricultural origin** (from conventional origin, less than 5%, e.g. selected fats and oils)
- **Ingredients of non-agricultural origin** (including food additives, carrier substances and solvents, flavourings, water and salt, preparations of microorganisms)
- **Processing aids** (e.g. calcium chloride as coagulation agent, citric acid for oil production and hydrolysis of starch)

## Definition of organic farming and on farm techniques

### Principles of organic production at farm level (Annex I):

- limitation for off-farm inputs
- balanced crop rotation, leguminous crops, deep rooting plants, green manure plants
- fertilization with organic fertilizers, natural pest control, mechanical cultivation techniques (flame weeding etc.)

### List of allowed substances including fertilizers and soil conditioners, products for plant protection, feed materials (Annex II)

- no synthetic nitrogen fertilizers, no organo-synthetic pesticides
- only approved plant protection agents and fertilizers
- only few, approved processing aids and no GMOs

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## Inspection System

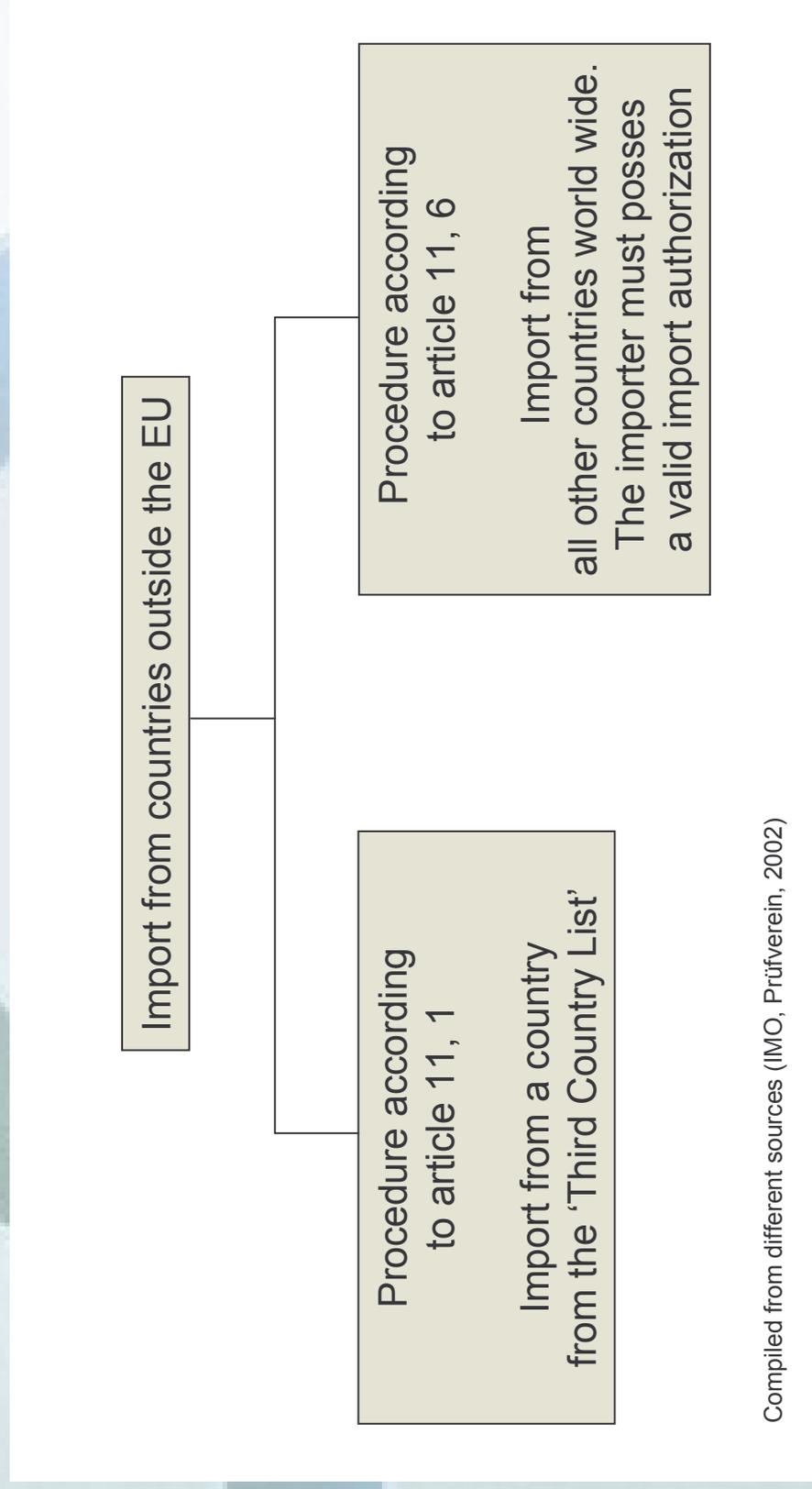
Any operator producing, preparing or importing from a Third Country for the purpose of marketing shall notify the activity and submit the operation to the inspection system.

The authority shall ensure proper procedures and a list of all operations

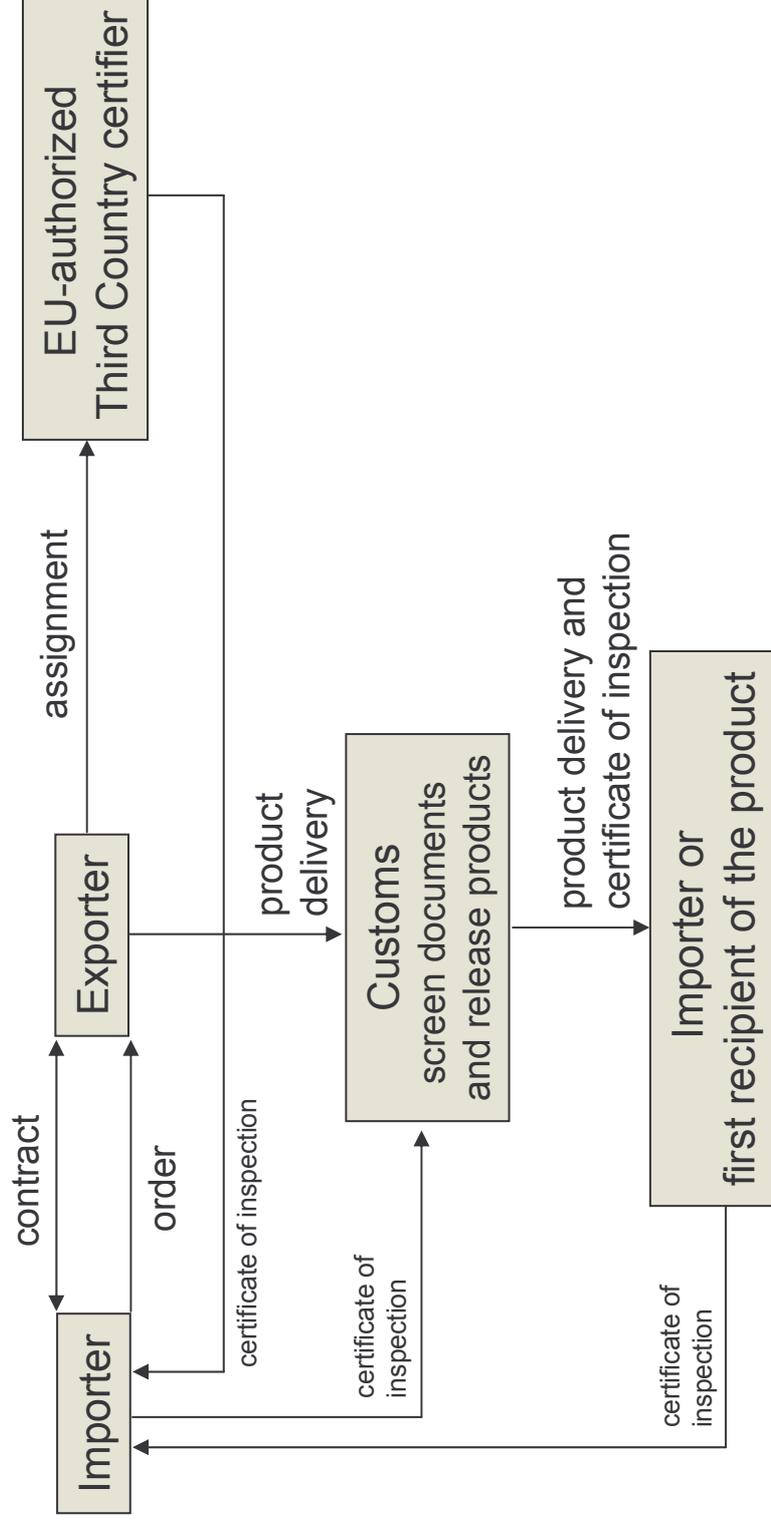
# Responsibility for the Inspection System

Authorities of Member States (public administration)	Responsible for approval and supervision of inspection bodies
Inspection bodies (private)	Inspection of farmers, processors and Third Country importers
Annex III	Application of inspection system (including precautionary and other inspection measures)

# Import process of organic products to the EU



# Procedure according to article 11, 1; Import from a 'Third Country'

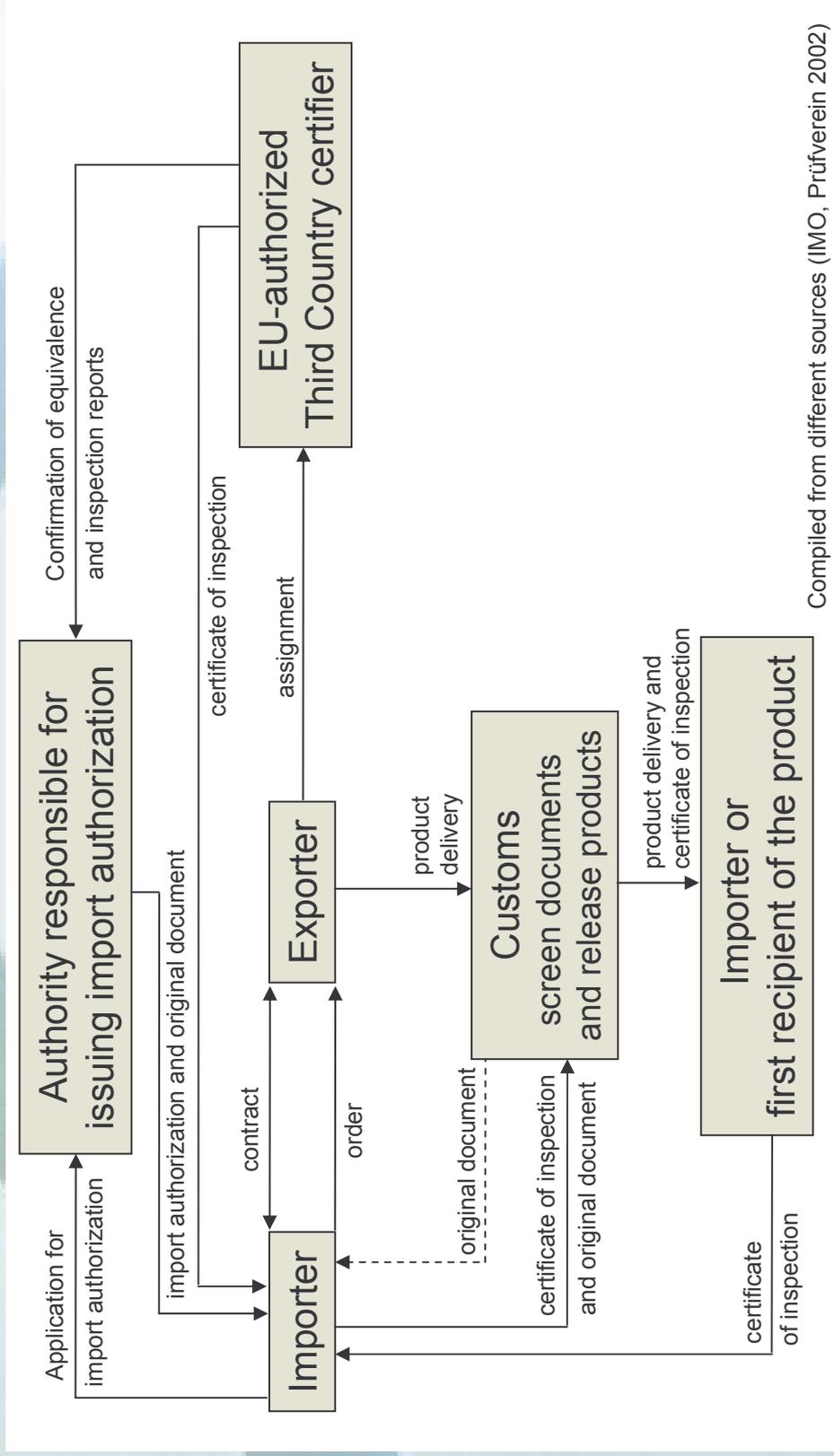


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## Procedure according to article 11, 6; Importer to EU from countries world wide. The importer must possess a valid import authorization



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