



2½ day Training: Permitted Agents and Input List in Organic Agriculture

Date **April 20th – April 22nd, 2009**

Venue Frick, Switzerland

Organiser FiBL

Deadline for registration: March 27th, 2009

Background

In organic farming, the use of “Inputs” is strictly regulated. The term ‘input’ is a collective expression for the following substances: Fertilizers and soil conditioners, Plant protection products, Animal feed stuffs, Feed additives, certain substances used in animal nutrition and processing aids used in feeding stuffs and Products for cleaning and disinfection of livestock buildings and other installations.

For many producers and processors as well as inspection and certification bodies working in countries where the organic market is new and not yet well developed, the production and use of permitted agents, as well as the implementation of the Input List is a major challenge. Who is responsible for the Input List? Where do I get certified inputs from? Is this input I use (or produce) organic? May I use an input XYZ on my farm or in my processing unit? Collecting, compiling and publishing information related to inputs is very demanding and requires specific knowledge.

FiBL would like to share its 12 years of experience and knowledge in this domain in order to support actors in other countries to set up an input list for plant protection products and fertilizers.

Objective

After the training, the participant

- is acquainted with the relevant technical competences and skills and can use tools in order to setting up an input list for plant protection products and fertilizers,
- has established a first draft of a tailor made action plan for setting up an input list in his/ her country,
- is familiar with the organisation and the updating systems of the Swiss and European Input list.

Target Group

Representatives of Certification bodies directly involved in FiBL projects and responsible for establishment and/ or updating of input lists,

Consultants working in the domain of plant protection and/ or fertilization,

Representatives of (producer) organisations working in the field of organic agriculture.

Programme

Monday, 20 April, 10h00

Registration, Welcome, Introduction

Policy and Organisation

- The input list in the frame of the organic legislation and standards
- Funding of Input lists
- Function of a Certification Body in the approval of an Input list

Technical Background

- Criteria for the Evaluation of plant protection Inputs
- Criteria for the Evaluation of fertilizers and soil conditioners

Evening: Welcome Aperero FiBL winery

Tuesday, 21 April, 09h00

Role of Stakeholders

- Case study from Eastern Europe
- Organisation of Input approval by BioSuisse (private Label)

Setting up an Input List

- Elaboration of an Action Plan for an Input List for a selected country
Presentation and discussion of the action plans

Wednesday, 22 April, 09h00

Production and Commercialisation of Inputs

- Visit Biocontrol Andermatt, Organic Input Producer Company

Handling of Input list in practice

- Participation at an inspection of a farm with focus on use of inputs

Approx. 16h00 End of training

Costs

CHF 1'000 per participant (Maximum 15 participants).

Application

Application per courier or fax by the application form below or
www.anmeldeservice.fibl.org

Application 2 ½ day Training Permitted Agents and Input List in Organic Agriculture:

Name, Surname

Institution

Address

Post Code, City

Phone

Fax

Email

Accommodation

- Yes, I need a hotel for 3 nights (Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd, approx. CHF 110/ night, single room, breakfast).
- No, I don't need accommodation

I apply hereby and agree to the conditions.

Date/ Signature