

Code of Good Organic Practice

It is our responsibility to do everything in our power to ensure genuinely “organic” products and meet the expectations of customers with regard to their nature and integrity. An organic certificate alone is not enough to assure the authenticity of organic products.

7 objectives

1. All operators* take **Social Responsibility** for that part of the chain that they control, to build and ensure integrity throughout the whole chain.
2. All operators show **Involvement** in their section of the industry and contribute to the development of organic farming projects.
3. All operators work with **sustainable pricing and relationships** throughout the chain.
4. All operators are committed to complete **Transparency** throughout the entire chain of supply and express that through their communication.
5. All operators strive for **open communication** on relevant issues with each other, CB's and authorities.
6. All operators support a **harmonized system** for organic food and farming and dealing with irregularities.
7. All operators must institute a **Quality Management system** which addresses the specific needs of organic operations to ensure authenticity of the products.

Supporters

Rapunzel Naturkost, Eosta, BD-Totaal, AOEL, Biotropic, Synabio, Tradin, ForesTrade Europa, Ernst Rickertsen, DO-IT, Natudis, Tichel & Son, Ariza, VBP, Organic Flavour Company, BNN, Naturland, Tegut, BOLW, Urtekram, Heimatsmühle & Biokorn, Waren-Verein Hamburger Borse Brio, Kloth & Kohnken Teeimport, REWE, Alfred L. Wolff, Haest Consultancy for organic industry.

Statement of Hamburg

In the follow up of the Amsterdam Declaration of February 2008 by organic operators, during the meeting in Hamburg (25-26 November 2008), the next step has been made to ensure organic integrity and authenticity. The representatives of organic industry decided on the main objectives of the Code of Good Organic Practice. The representatives agreed to start with direct actions and make a follow up in defining detailed criteria the coming half year.

The Code of Good Organic Practice is communicated to the whole organic food chain in order to invite all operators to work according to these objectives.

* Growers, processors and traders