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Recognition of Organically Produced Products

Dear Sir,

Thank you very much for your letter of September 18, 2006.

We are pleased to inform you that the rules governing production and inspection of organic agricultural products in your country have been found equivalent to those laid down in the Swiss Ordinance on Organic Farming and the Labelling of Organically Produced Products and Foodstuffs¹ by our Minister. Subsequently, India has been included on the list of countries in Annex 4 of the FDE Ordinance on Organic Farming (duration of inclusion from January 1, 2007 until June 30, 2009).

We are looking forward to a fruitful co-operation and kindly ask you to inform us as soon as the standards for application to the market of India will be notified by your Government.

Yours sincerely

Federal Office for Agriculture FOAG

Patrik Aebi
Head of Quality and Sales Promotion Section

¹ Ordinance on Organic Farming and the Labelling of Organically Produced Products and Foodstuffs (Organic Farming Ordinance) – 910.18 and
Federal Department of Economy (FDE) Ordinance on Organic Farming – 910.181