

## Information Sheet

### Conversion of Arable and Grassland

Conversion time starts at the date of signing the inspection contract or in case of single fields with the acquisition date of the respective plot (e. g. date of contract of lease).

According to the EU Organic Regulation the status of a crop is as follows:

#### **Arable Crops:**

- **Harvested** at least 12 month after beginning of conversion?  
Yes: The respective harvest is classified as in-conversion.  
No: The respective harvest is classified as conventional.
- **Sowed** at least 24 months after beginning of conversion?  
Yes: The respective harvest is classified as organic.  
No: The respective harvest is classified as in-conversion.

#### **Permanent Crops** (e. g. wine, fruit trees):

- Harvested at least 12 month after beginning of conversion?  
Yes: The respective harvest is classified as in-conversion.  
No: The respective harvest is classified as conventional.
- Harvested at least 36 month after beginning of conversion?  
Yes: The respective harvest is classified as organic.  
No: The respective harvest is classified as in-conversion.

#### **Grassland:**

If the date of the inspection contract/registration with the competent authority or the acquisition/notification date of the new fields is **before** starting of the vegetation period of the current year (1<sup>st</sup> of May), the following is applicable:

- Each use in the year of beginning of conversion is classified as conventional.
- Each use in the second year is classified as in-conversion.
- Each use 24 months after starting of conversion is classified as organic.

If the date of the inspection contract/registration with the competent authority or the acquisition/notification date of the new fields is **after** starting of the vegetation period of the current year, the following is applicable:

- Each use within the first 12 months is classified as conventional. However, on the certificate the harvested grassland crops have to be certified as “conventional” for 2 years.
- Each use 12 months after beginning of conversion is classified as in-conversion. However, on the certificate the harvested grassland crops can only be certified as “in-conversion” in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of use.
- Each use from that turning of the year forth occurring 24 months after beginning of conversion (which are all uses in the 4<sup>th</sup> year of conversion) can be certified as organic.

#### **Practical implementation in case of arable land:**

If conversion is started before harvesting of a certain crop, this crop can be declared as in-conversion already in the subsequent year. Crops sown 2 years after signing the inspection contract can be marketed as organic.