

The background of the slide is a solid light green color, overlaid with a repeating pattern of small, white, stylized icons representing various organic products. These icons include fruits like apples, pears, and berries; vegetables like carrots, mushrooms, and leafy greens; and animal products like cows, sheep, and fish. The icons are arranged in a grid-like fashion across the entire slide.

# ORGANIC REGULATION REVIEW

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# IFOAM EU Group

## Research & innovation

Horizon 2020  
European Innovation  
Partnerships

## GMOs

Coexistence  
Seed threshold  
GMO approval

## Organic regulations

EU regulation review  
Greenhouse, poultry, feed &  
processing implementing rules  
Organic Regulation 834/07

## CAP & rural development

## Animal welfare & health

## Climate change

*The new cross-cutting issue*

## Promotion policy

## Environmental policies

7th Environmental action plan  
Soil Directive  
Water Blueprint  
Biodiversity EU 2020 Strategy  
Sustainable Consumption

## Food safety

Hygiene Legislation  
Food/Feed control  
Pesticide registration

## EU labels

Organic label  
Eco-label  
Quality schemes and  
promotion programmes



## Political process

- In 2011 announced, in 2012 started
- Impact assessment from Sept. 2012 to June 2013
- Ex-post evaluation report (2012), just published
- From Sept. 2013 COM has been working on the proposal
- Submission to EP and EC in last decade of March 2014

## Main drivers

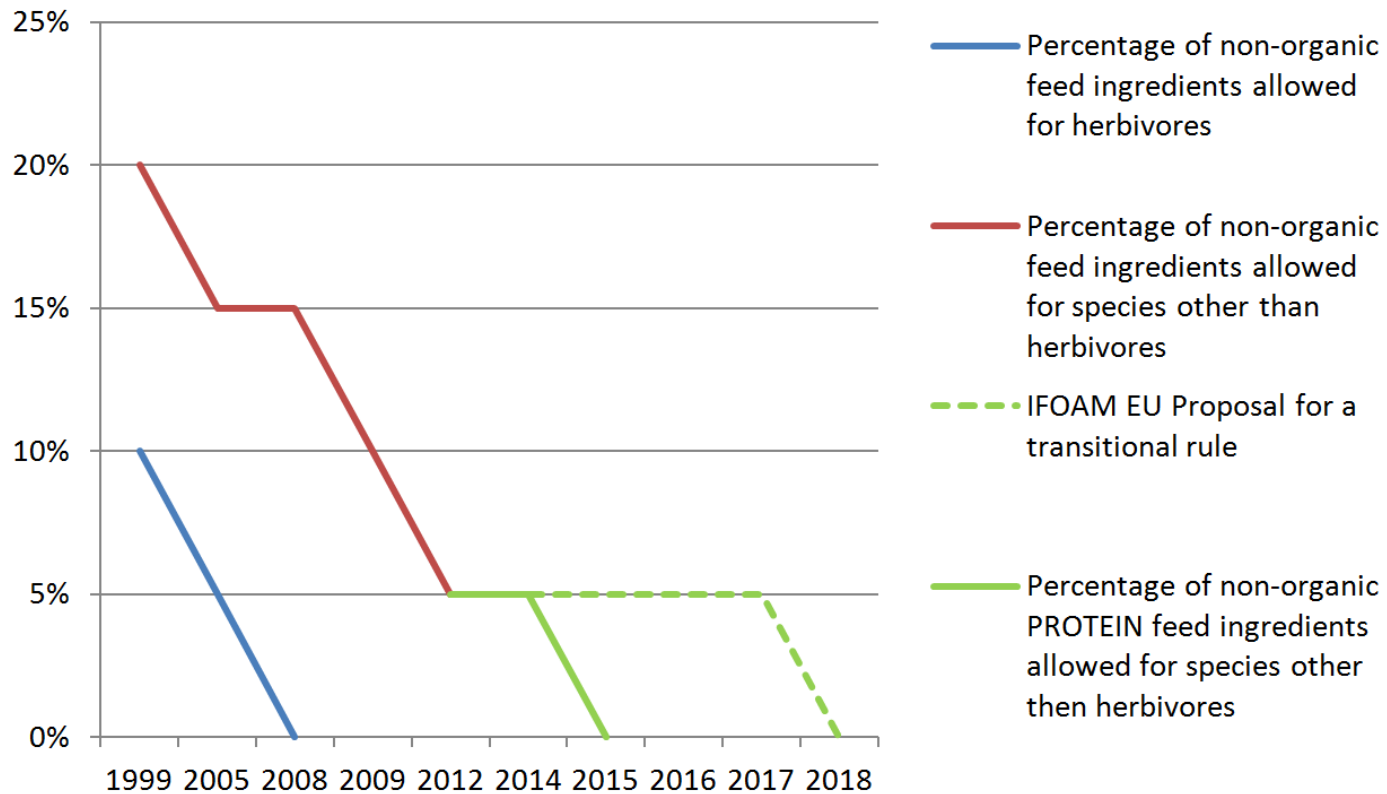
- Report of the EU Court of Auditors (ECA) in 2012
- To prevent that OF becomes victim of its own success
- To meet consumers expectations

# COM intention and IFOAM EU approach

- IFOAM EU shares with the COM the common objective to develop organic regulation through both an improved regulation and a better implementation
- IFOAM EU doesn't agree with the speed of the process (e.g. Immediate cut of all exceptions!)
- The sector has already proven that a step-by-step process is the only feasible (e.g. Non-organic feed percentages).



# COM intention and IFOAM EU approach



# Main changes in the current draft

- **Structure**, going back to Reg. EEC 2092/91 approach
- Many fundamental topics in the annexes amendable through delegated acts
- **Scope** not clear
- Immediate cut of all **exceptional production rules** (seed, young poultry, protein feed, parallel production, temporary tethering in small holdings, exceptions for honey production)
- **Conversion**: retroactive recognition no longer possible
- The **entire holding** to be certified organic
- Stricter **feed** rules (quality and 'regional' origin)



## Main changes in the current draft (2)

- List of **non-organic ingredients** (annex IX of 889) still unchanged
- **Control system**: totally outsourced to the DG SANCO proposal on official controls
- **Threshold** for non-allowed substances foreseen
- Possibility to abandon the **annual inspection** concept
- International trade more focused on **compliance** instead of **equivalence**





**Thank you for your Attention**

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