

## Certification of agricultural and food products

**EKOAGROS** - your partner in development of organic!





## About EKOAGROS

Public Institution EKOAGROS, established in 1997, is the only institution in Lithuania carrying out certification and control activities of organic production.

Certification body also carries out inspections in accordance with the foreign national and private standards, the certification of organic production in foreign countries and provides services of other certification activities.

The rights and obligations of the owner are implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania.

The Institution complies with the requirements of Standard LST EN ISO/IEC 17065:2012 and is accredited by the National Accreditation Bureau under the Ministry of Economy to certify the processes of organic crop production, livestock, apiculture, wild plants and aquaculture, as well as handling and processing of organic agricultural products.

From 2017, it carries out certification activities in accordance with the requirements of the National Organic Program of the US Department of Agriculture.



It is included into the list of approved list of control bodies and control authorities working in the European Union. This approval allows Ekoagros to enter into contracts with economic entities and to inspect them in accordance with the private standards such as Demeter, Bio Suisse (Ekoagros is the only entitled an approved certification body for Bio Suisse inspections in the Baltic States – Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia), Bio Austria, Bioland, Naturland, CCPB, KRAV and National Standard for Organic Products of the Republic of China.

It is a member of the international organisations: the Quavera Alliance, the IFOAM EU and IFOAM Organics International, the European Organic Certifiers Council (EOCC), the Accredited Certifiers Association (ACA).

The demand for organic and high-quality production is constantly increasing in the whole world, so agricultural and food producers are seeking to satisfy this need. According to expanding production volumes, the need for certification services is also growing. At the same time, the consumers expectation that certification will be carried out competently and will guarantee the quality of production is not diminishing.



Certification and control in the field of organic production and food products in non-EU countries



Equivalent organic production and processing standard for non-EU countries

Ekoagros is included in the list in Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 and is recognized by European Commission as competent control authority to carry out controls and issue certificates in non-EU countries: Russia (RU-BIO-170), Belarus (BY-BIO-170), Kazakhstan (KZ-BIO-170) and Tajikistan (TJ-BIO-170) for the purpose of equivalence to EU organic regulations.

**Certification and control** 

**Organic Program (NOP)** 

according to USDA National

## Inspections in accordance with the foreign national and private standards

Additional standards add value to production and increase its possibilities for selling!





















USDA NOP – United States Department of Agriculture National Organic Program

Ekoagros is accredited certifying agent to carry out certification activities within unlimited territory in the whole world on crops, wild crops, livestock and handling operations on behalf of USDA under the NOP regulations. The accreditation is granted in accordance with the provisions of the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 and the USDA organic regulations (7 CFR Part 205).





We can be your partner in organic production development!

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