



The EU legal framework

Vegetative Propagating Material in the New EU Organic Regulation



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The New Organic Regulation 2018/848

- Initially scheduled to enter into force 1 January 2021
- Postponement to 1 January 2022 proposed by EU Commission, approval by MS & EP pending
- Delegated & Implementing acts on PRM not yet final/published, presentation on state-of-play



Categories of PRM

Options for Plant Reproductive Material (PRM) available for organic farmers:

- **Organic Plant Reproductive Material (PRM)**
 - **Seeds**
 - **Seed potatoes**
 - **Vegetative propagating material**
- **In-conversion Plant Reproductive Material**, if conversion period of 12 months respected (not after 2035).
- **Untreated non-organic Plant Reproductive Material**, if a derogation is granted & no in-conversion material available (not after 2035).



Definitions

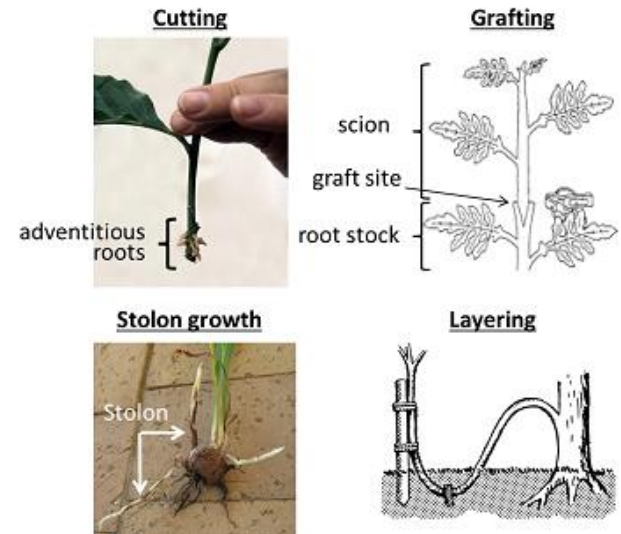
'plant reproductive material' means plants and all parts of plants, including seeds, at any stage of growth that are capable of, and intended for, producing entire plants;



Definitions

To obtain organic plant reproductive material to be used for the production of products (other than plant reproductive material) the **mother plant** (and, where relevant, other plants intended for plant reproductive material production) shall have been produced in accordance with this Regulation for at least one generation, or, in the case of perennial crops, for at least one generation during two growing seasons

'*mother plant*' means an identified plant from which plant reproductive material is taken for the reproduction of new plants;



Non-organic vegetative material

- While many non-organic PRM is still used, the rules regarding the allowed use of PPP will be sharpened
- Non-organic vegetative material shall not be treated after harvest with plant protection products other than those authorised, unless chemical treatment has been prescribed for phytosanitary purposes by MS authority (Implementing rules)



Seed Database

Database for organic and in-conversion plant reproductive material-> decisive for derogation request.

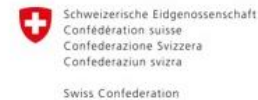
- ✓ Lists available species/varieties
- ✓ Marketplace functionality
- ✓ Applicable for vegetative material?
 - Y** – seed potatoes, propagating material (cuttings, rootstocks etc.)
 - N** – seedlings (not PRM according to definition)
- ✓ Current regulation: listing mandatory for seed potatoes
New regulation: also propagating material
- ✓ Seed databases are to be stocked with offers before organic regulation comes into effect

National Annex is a national list of (sub) crops for which sufficient organic seed or **vegetative propagation material** is available on the national territory.





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