



Activity Title and Number : Programs to certify and control the production of organic agricultural products; A142-C3

Beneficiary: Certification and Accreditation Administration of the P.R. of China (CNCA)

Location and Date: Shanghai; 25 May, 2012

Stakeholders: Agro food industry, academic institutions, Ministry of Agriculture (MOA)

Brief Activity Report

Relevance and Impact

In recent years the EU and China have both developed several pieces of legislation to ensure safe organic food and greater transparency for consumers. EU Regulation [\(EC\) No 834/2007](#) follows this strategy and focuses on the production and labelling of organic products that constitute the new horizontal EU legislation for organic products. Relevant Chinese legislation in this field is based on the recent regulation on certification and accreditation from the State Council in 2003, as well as the implementation rules on certification of organic products, which came into force 1 March, 2012.

Mutual exchange of legislation and its practical application is in the interest of both partners, helping to clarify legislation while introducing new approaches to areas of shared concern. This activity aimed to encourage interchange between European and Chinese experts covering, in particular, the aspects of international trade and labelling while providing an open Q&A forum for involved stakeholders.

Activity Description

This one-day seminar was attended by 85 participants representing the Chinese government, the organic agricultural industry, international companies and other related institutions.

Topics discussed included:

- The organic certification administration in China
- Organic farming in the EU
- The regulation and practices of certification of organic products in China and the EU
- The inspection and regulation of imported organic products to China
- Self-control of the industry for organic products, and the registration of inspectors and auditors for organic products in China
- Accreditation management of certifying organic products in China
- Accreditation management of Certification Body (CB) certifying organic products



Experts and authorities who participated in the seminar in Shanghai, China

Results and Dissemination

- ✓ As a result of the seminar, participants clarified the need to foster more activities supporting a potential EU-China bilateral negotiation related to organic products; and created awareness of the OIE and EU regulatory framework and its current enforcement status in the EU and China
- ✓ CNCA published two short write-ups about the seminar on its official website, increasing visibility of the seminar and its key outputs amongst target audiences:
 - <http://www.cnca.gov.cn/cnca/zwxx/xwdt/tpxw/605883.shtml>
 - <http://www.cnca.gov.cn/cnca/zwxx/xwdt/ynbd/605232.shtml>