

List of Identification Codes (IK-Liste)

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The list of identification codes of the BNN - German Association of Organic Processors, Wholesalers and Retailers (in German: Bundesverband Naturkost Naturwaren, BNN e.V.) makes it possible to convey product certification information in Business-to-Business communication.

With the aid of an abbreviation there can be communicated, whether:

- the product meets the requirements of the EC organic regulation¹, and what percentage of organic ingredients is contained in multiple ingredient products (always ≥ 95%),
- the product (within the scope of the EC organic regulation) has been certified to the standards of a private certifier (member of BÖLW, Demeter International, Bio Austria, or Bio Suisse) respectively has IFOAM accreditation,
- for the product in question no legal framework exists as part of the EC organic regulation, but is nevertheless regulated in, and complies with the guidelines for organic product ranges ([Sortimentsrichtlinien für den Naturkostfachhandel -SRL](#))²,
- the product falls within the scope of the EC organic regulations or SRL but does not meet their standards.

The IK list can be used by all industry participants. It is based on the declaration contained on the sales packaging. **It is the responsibility of the producer to provide the correct, current IK for each of its products.** The IK-list (legend) is put together by BNN. Processing companies and members of BNN may use the IK list free of charge. Wholesale companies that are not part of BNN, pay a one-off fee for its use.

The identification codes contain no explicit information on the origin of the raw materials or their processing location. This detailed information is provided by the producer/manufacturer elsewhere in the data base. For medicinal teas, fresh pressed plant juices and essential oils used as room fragrances, whose ingredients are fully certified organic, the IKs corresponding to private certifiers or the EC organic regulation respectively may be applied.

IK	Explanation
Private associations and IFOAM accreditation – single and multiple ingredient products (independent of country of origin)	
BA	Bio Austria
BS	Bio Suisse
DB	Bioland
DC	Ecoland
DD	Demeter
DG	Gää
DK	Biokreis
DN	Naturland
DP	Biopark
DV	Verbund Ökohöfe
DW	Ecovin
IA	IFOAM accreditation, current list of certification bodies: http://www.ioas.org/certification_body/
EC organic regulation	
EG	Single ingredient products (raw materials and processed products with one ingredient only) meets the EC organic regulation
95 / 96 / 97 / 98 / 99 bzw. C%	Multiple ingredient products (products consisting of at least two ingredients) meets the EC organic regulation, percentage calculated according to this regulation (C = 100%)
Products not under EC organic regulation, or conventional products – single and multiple ingredient products	
S#	Products that are not regulated in the EC organic regulation, but meet the BNN guidelines for organic product ranges. The S # designation may be used as well for products defined in the transitional regime by SRL.
NK	Natural cosmetics that are certified to a standard listed in SRL.
WP	Detergents and other cleaning agents certified to a standard listed in the SRL and meeting additional requirements relating to freedom from genetic engineering as defined by SRL.
##	Conventional food products; conventional multiple ingredient products with individual organic ingredients (<95% organic) ³ as well as products from areas that are regulated in SRL but do <u>not</u> meet the standard. Products with this abbreviation may <u>not</u> be offered by shops whose product range corresponds to the SRL guidelines.
UW	Agricultural products from conversion to EC organic regulation. For products which are <u>at the same time</u> converted to the standard of a private association, it should be commented in the master data.
ng	Products that are regulated neither in the EU Organic Regulation nor by the SRL. These receive the characters ng "not regulated".

¹ [Regulation EC 834/2007](#) [...] on organic production and labelling of organic products and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 and applicable und implementing provisions

² Product categories that are currently not regulated in the EC organic regulations but which are covered by the SRL product range guidelines are: Game animals and products from hunting, as well as seafood, marine wild fish and wild caught fish from natural inland waters, nutritional supplements and health-related specialty products, natural cosmetics, detergents and other cleaning agents (WPR)

³ Since 1.1.2009, conventional products with single organic ingredients are permitted according to para. 23 of (EC) 834/2007. BNN members voluntarily renounce the right to produce, process or trade such products.