

**Regulation (EC) No. 1991/2006 and Regulation (EC) No. 834/2007:
What are the legislative motives for and what are the effects of the introduction of the new two-class system of certification of organic food imports into the European Union?**

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A new EU import scheme for organic food products entered into force on January 1, 2007. The Commission of the European Union had suggested the introduction of two new distinct categories of organic certification for food imports into the European Union.