

Products for crop health

Supplemental admission criteria for the Italian Input List

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I. Introduction

The Italian Input List – a private standard

The Italian Input List is a public register of inputs that may legally be used by certified organic farmers in Italy. It is generated in a co-operation between [FiBL](#) and [Federbio](#). The Italian Input List is a result of thorough evaluation of commercial products against relevant legislation and requirements. The Italian Input List is part of a series of national input lists which are united under the umbrella of the '[European Input List](#)'.

The Italian Input List, like the European Input List, is a private standard. It is based not only on the applicable legislation but also on additional requirements defined by Federbio in the name of the Italian organic sector.

The basic admission criteria for the European Input List

For all national lists under the umbrella of the European Input List, the 'basic admission criteria' (Link) of the European Input List apply. The basic admission criteria are based on the relevant EU legislation (in particular Reg. 889/2008), as well as additional requirements and interpretations which were established by FiBL, in order to ensure the compliance with the objectives and principles of organic production. The basic admission criteria are applied to all national lists, thus ensuring that all lists comply with the general principles.

The supplemental admission criteria for the Italian Input List

In addition to the basic criteria, there are also *supplemental* admission criteria that apply only for the targeted country. The supplemental criteria ensure that each national list complies with national rules and regulations, as well as the views of the national organic sector. This document contains the supplemental criteria which apply for the inclusion of products for crop health into the Italian Input List. These criteria are applied in addition to the basic admission criteria for the European Input List. This document will be updated upon necessity; please refer always to the most recent version. In case of discrepancies between versions in different languages, the English version is considered as the document of reference.

Sustainable use

Farmers are reminded that when they use plant protection products, the provisions of the sustainable use directive (Dir 2009/128/EC) have to be followed. In Italy, this directive is implemented by Decreto Legislativo D.Lgs 14 agosto 2012, no 150.

2. Supplemental criteria rooted in Italian legislation

The Italian Input List only includes products that comply with the relevant EU and applicable Italian national legislation as described below. The manufacturers and/or distributors are responsible to make sure that these requirements are met. However, the evaluation team may deny or postpone inclusion of a product, if it suspects that such requirements are not met.

2.1 Plant protection products

2.1.1 Pesticide registration

Plant protection products may only be marketed in Italy, if they have been registered for that purpose. The Italian Input List accepts only registered products.

Implementation in the Italian Input List

Registration may be documented in one of the following ways:

- Registration document issued by the competent authority (Ministero della Salute),
or
- Valid entry to verify the insertion into the database of the 'Ministero della Salute',
or

With regards to basic substances, synergists (excluding the PBO), substances for mating disruption, adjuvants and coformulants, there are no supplemental requirements applied, in addition to the national regulatory requirements as well as the requirements outlined in the basic admission criteria for the European Input List.

2.2 Products not classified as plant protection products

The category 'products for crop health' includes also products which are not classified as plant protection products. Examples include trapping systems and beneficials. For such products, no additional legal criteria apply in Italy.

3. Supplemental criteria established by Federbio

3.1 Absence of non-authorized substances

There have been cases of inputs containing non-authorized substances such as phosphonates or matrine. European legislation and the criteria for the European Input List clearly prohibit this. FederBio underlines that the presence of such substances is not acceptable, and that products will be monitored for the presence of such substances.

3.2 Chelating agents in plant protection

Some plant protection products (e.g. certain molluscicides) contain chelating agents as co-formulants. In this case, the same restrictions apply as in fertilisers (see Basic Admission Criteria for fertilisers).

3.3 Piperonyl butoxide

Piperonyl butoxide (PBO) is sometimes used to increase the efficacy of insecticides such as pyrethrins. Following the advice of the EGTOP to gradually phase out the use of the PBO (see the EGTOP report: report in plant protection II) the Italian Input List excludes all products containing piperonyl butoxide (PBO).