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## TO BE TRANSLATED INTO GERMAN

Subject: Clarification on the applicability of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 and authorisation of tannin extracted from sweet chestnut.

Dear

Thank you for your email of 30 June 2016 in which you request information on the applicability of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007<sup>1</sup>.

Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 lays down the general rules on organic production and labelling of organic products. The detailed production rules and requirements are laid down in Commission Regulation (EC) No 889/2008<sup>2</sup>.

According to Article 42 of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007, the Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

However, from your email it is not clear the purpose of the authorisation of tannin extracted from the wood of sweet chestnut in Italy (as feed material, veterinary medicine, additive???).

Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 of 28 June 2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91

Commission Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 of 5 September 2008 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products with regard to organic production, labelling and control

In any case, you could find the authorisation rules for products and substances used in organic farming and the criteria for their authorisation in Article 16 of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007.						
Sincerely	yours,					
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