



BIOFACH Congress, *Thursday, February 13; 17:00-18:00, Istanbul room*

EU and USDA changes in the regulation for trade and processing: how will it affect import-export?

At the time the Organic Regulations in US and EU undergo serious changes that will be implemented in 2021. What are these serious changes that might effect trade & processing between US and EU? Despite the actual equivalence agreement between US and EU there are already a number of current problems, like different residue handling approaches, antibiotics animal products, hydroponics, fortification of food and trade requirements in the context with third countries. And new ones are expected to pop up, Ion Exchange and the compliance demand in the EU Regulation for third countries. And how will these changes affect the actual equivalence between US and EU organic regulations. Will it be renegotiated? Will new exemptions be taken up? How long will this take and what happens in the meantime? Or will equivalence disappear and becomes compliance the new requirement to export from one to the other leading organic market?

Gwendolyn Wyard, Vice President of OTA US for Regulatory & Technical Affairs, and Erkki Poytaniemi from Organic Finland, are two experts in the area of the new regulatory developments in the US (Wyard) and the EU (Poytaniemi). They will present the situation and problems for trade and processing in the current situation, the expected changes in the new regulations and the expected challenges for the coming year to be solved. They will highlight important cornerstones of the legislative development for organic food and farming in their countries seen as relevant for the mutual agreement - EU and US.

This workshop is a must for companies who are active in both EU and US organic markets, or want to become active in both markets.

The workshop will be moderated by Bavo van den Idsert, for many years active in regulatory topics for trade and processing in the past. Bavo van den Idsert is part-time project-leader at Bionext and advisor of OPTA.