

Appendix 17: Certification Regulation for the Integrated Management System in Agricultural Production

Certification standard or scheme	AGRO 2-1, 2-2	Accreditation standard:	ISO 17065				
Certification cycle:	An Integrated Management certificate valid for one (1) year is granted to an agricultural holding found to comply with the requirements of the AGRO 2-1 and 2-2 standards and the current guideline for their implementation. During the certificate's validity, surveillance audits are conducted where deemed necessary, taking into account the need to monitor the implementation of Integrated Management, findings from previous audits, or other information or suspicions. In addition to scheduled audits, unannounced audits are conducted whenever considered necessary to verify continued compliance with the requirements of AGRO 2-1 and 2-2 and the current guideline, and in all cases involving suspicions or complaints. Before the certificate expires, a recertification audit is conducted at the enterprise to renew the certificate. The recertification audit must be completed annually by the anniversary date of the initial certification decision and, in all cases, during the harvest stage of each crop included in the certification scope of the agricultural holding. For example:						
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Use of National Certification Mark 'Integrated Management System'	Any use on products of marks or indications relating to Integrated Management is prohibited unless the agricultural holding is certified against the requirements of AGRO 2-3 or AGRO 2-4 and their respective guideline.						
Time for correction of Nonconformities:	The Certification Body must upload to 'i-AGRO' the completed electronic file of the questionnaire for the standard audited within a maximum of 28 calendar days from the audit date or, where nonconformities exist and corrective actions are submitted, within 28 calendar days from the date on which the corrective actions are evaluated (with a maximum overall period of 56 days from the audit date).						
Category/Weighting of Compliance Criteria	COMPLIANCE CRITERIA Each question in the questionnaire describes the evidence required for compliance with the relevant requirement of the AGRO 2 series standard. CATEGORY Three (3) categories of questions are distinguished according to the form of the requirements in the AGRO 2 series standards: ✓ Obligatory: A legal requirement relating to the activity of the agricultural holding/enterprise. ✓ Must: A technical requirement of the standard, particularly important for product safety or the protection of the producer or the environment. ✓ Recommended: A non-critical standard requirement concerning measures for the continuous improvement of Integrated Management. WEIGHTING For questions in the 'obligatory' and 'must' categories, two (2) levels of weighting are distinguished:						

WEIGHTING 1: A question for which:

1. completion of the compliance evidence in the questionnaire is mandatory;
2. if a Nonconformity is identified, it must be corrected before certification can be granted.

WEIGHTING 2: A question for which:

1. completion of the compliance evidence in the questionnaire is optional;
2. compliance with 95% of the total number of 'weighting 2' questions is mandatory at the Assessment Audit. When calculating the total number of questions, questions concerning requirements that are not applicable - questions with the value 2 in the 'CHECKED' column - are excluded. This means that if Nonconformities are identified in questions representing up to 5% of the 'weighting 2' questions, annual certification may be granted. If the same Nonconformity recurs during the next one (1) or two (2) certification years, it is treated as 'weighting 1'.

**Withdrawal of
Agricultural Holding:**

Withdrawal of an Agricultural Holding from the Body is possible when the following conditions are met:

1. There is written termination of the contract.
2. ELGO-DIMITRA has been informed, clearly stating the reasons for terminating the contract and the name of the body the holding intends to join.
3. A new application for inclusion in the control system of the new body has been submitted.

**Transfer from
another Body:**

The conditions for accepting an application to transfer an Agricultural Holding from another Certification Body are:

1. No audit of any kind announced within 15 days is pending.
2. No evaluation procedures concerning audit findings, chemical analyses or sanctions are pending before the contract termination date.
3. There is no sanction prohibiting the relevant terms, indications or marks related to the Integrated Management System.

**Transition to the new
versions of AGRO 2-1
and 2-2**

Enterprises already applying the AGRO 2-1 and 2-2 standards are required to follow ELGO-DIMITRA's transition instructions.