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## Press release

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### **Internet platform bioC.info online with a new system**

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Today, the new bioC.info system has been launched online. It offers bioC users even more options to efficiently manage the certification status of their organic suppliers and their suppliers' products. Due to the monitoring function, registered bioC users are continuously informed by bioC on changes in certification status of their suppliers and their respective products. bioC users are therefore always up to date – time-consuming collection of certificates is no longer necessary.

The monitoring function can be used for government regulations such as the EU regulation, as well as private standards, among which bioC includes those of the German organic farming associations Bioland, Naturland and Gäa, with more private standards soon to come.

An interface through which certificate and product information can be retrieved provides the possibility to connect the bioC monitoring function directly with in-house supplier administration. Therefore companies with many organic suppliers can comfortably use bioC's automated services.

### **About bioC**

bioC GmbH was founded in 2010 as an initiative of organic certification bodies, associations in the organic food sector and service providers. In 2014, IFOAM-Organics International joined bioC GmbH as shareholder in order to promote both the worldwide adoption of the initiative as well as the global availability of verified up to date certification information.

Currently, information from approximately 70,000 certified operators is made accessible by organic certification bodies on the internet platform [www.bioC.info](http://www.bioC.info). 32 certification bodies and label owners from different countries are already participating in the directory. The bioC initiative is also welcomed by control authorities; the relevant British authority DEFRA (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) has chosen [www.bioC.info](http://www.bioC.info) as its central directory for the publication of certificates of British organic companies. In Austria, the cooperation between easy-cert, bioQS and bioC serves as the directory for organic operators.

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