

## AFNOR Certification is approved to issue the organic label

**AFNOR Certification has obtained approval from the INAO allowing it to carry out controls and issue the European Union Organic Agriculture label, with the number FR-BIO-21.**

*Saint-Denis, October 24, 2019* - With more than 1000 companies certified based on standards international standards, AFNOR Certification has been offering its services to players in the agri-food industry for over 20 years. Its portfolio of certifications is now extended to organic farming, after obtaining approval from the INAO.

*“ Our customers certified in CSR according to ISO 26000, certified in food safety or even for their environmental policy want us to also carry out the controls inherent to the organic label,”* explains Franck Lebeugle, general director of AFNOR Certification. *We have therefore taken steps to obtain approval, with the aim of offering the most comprehensive offer possible, supporting the development of this market for the benefit of our customers .”* Preparers, processors, distributors and importers of organic products can now apply for [AFNOR Certification](#).



With an organic market growing by 15% in 2018<sup>1</sup>, French companies respond to expectations of French households who are increasingly attentive to this mode of production. It is also in full evolution, in particular due to the law for the balance of commercial relations in the agricultural and food sector and healthy, sustainable and accessible food for all, which will be at the center of the discussions of the national meetings of the organic farming on November 14.

Certification of the organic farming production method is regulated at European level and supervised in France by the National Institute of Origin and Quality (INAO), a public administrative establishment under the supervision of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food .

[Find out more about the organic certification offered by AFNOR Certification](#)

<sup>1</sup> Source: BIO/OC Agency

### Proposed treatment angles:

- “The most widespread certifications in the food industry: overview”
- “Organic label, CSR label, environmental label: what complementarities? »

### About AFNOR Certification

AFNOR Certification is a leading independent third-party organization in France thanks to its certification and evaluation services for systems, services, products and skills. A subsidiary of the AFNOR association, it has provided certifications on behalf of food industry professionals for 20 years. A pioneer in the evaluation of social responsibility approaches, AFNOR Certification develops labels and evaluations in the circular economy, eco-design and biodiversity. Offering a local service through 40 agencies on five continents and 13 regional delegations in France, it mobilizes 1,600 qualified auditors to meet the needs of its clients on more than 60,000 sites around the world. AFNOR Certification runs the NF certification system and offers several signs of confidence such as AFAQ certification, the Diversity and Professional Equality labels and the European Ecolabel.

The general management of AFNOR Certification is ensured by Franck Lebeugle.

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