



## **Regulation (EC) 1774/2002 prohibits the making of some biodynamic preparations**

Some animal by-products are needed (as biocatalysts in smallest amounts) for the making of specific biodynamic preparations. Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002 lays down health rules concerning animal by-products not intended for human consumption.<sup>1</sup> The regulation contains rules about the categorisation, collection, transportation, disposal, processing, use and intermediate storage of animal by-products. One main aim of the regulation is to avoid that body parts of BSE infected animals could enter the feed and food chain. The use of animal by-products as feed or fertiliser is forbidden. Their immediate disposal after the slaughtering of the animals is compulsory. On the other hand these animal organs (as for instance bovine intestine) are permitted as foodstuff for human consumption under other circumstances.

### **Proposal of Demeter International**

**Demeter International pleads for a supplementation in regulation (EC) 1774/2002 that allows the legal making of biodynamic preparation by using the necessary (controlled BSE-free) animal by-products. The European Parliament is asked to support this demand in the next revision process of the regulation.**

The biodynamic preparations contribute in a major way towards steering the fermentation processes of organic manure and stimulate plant growth and promote the maturation processes of cultivated plants. Therefore biodynamic agriculture can not do without the regular and legal application of these preparations.<sup>2</sup> Regulation (EC) 2092/91 laying down the rules on organic farming allows the use of biodynamic preparations (annex I, 2.1 and 2.3).

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<sup>1</sup> Official Journal of the European Communities L 273, 10.10.2002

<sup>2</sup> Literature describing the making of the biodynamic preparations: „The biodynamic spray and compost preparations – Production methods.“ C. von Wistinghausen et al., September 2000. Published by Biodynamic Agricultural Association, Painswick Inn Project, Gloucester Street, Stroud, GL5 1QG, UK.