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New organic regulation one step closer to becoming a reality

Organic farming

Commenting on today's vote by the Member States in the Special Committee on Agriculture on a new EU organic farming regulation, rapporteur and Greens/EFA spokesman on agricultural policy **Martin Häusling** said:

"We are now one step closer to delivering a better deal for organic farmers and consumers. With a strong majority in favour of the new regulation, there is now a consensus in favour of bringing organic regulations up to speed so that they address the needs of this rapidly growing market. I am convinced that the majority of the European Parliament's Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development will now follow suit and support the compromise when it comes to a vote on Wednesday."

Background

- 19 Member States voted in favour of adopting the organic regulation
- Czech Republic, Lithuania, Slovakia, Cyprus, Austria and Finland voted against the regulation, while Hungary, Belgium and Germany abstained
- A vote in the European Parliament's Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development will follow on Wednesday before a final plenary vote

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