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Biocyclic Vegan Standard gets approval

LARNACA—The Biocyclic Vegan Standard has become an equal member of the IFOAM Family of Standards as a global vegan organic standard.

by Tom Joyce

With its inclusion late last year into the “IFOAM Family of Standards”, the Biocyclic Vegan Standard has been given a global dimension to offer farmers around the world the chance to produce their crops according to purely plant-based principles. That means, according to Johannes Eisenbach, network coordinator of BNS Biocyclic Network Services, enabling growers to produce in an environmentally friendly and resource-saving manner while being certified accordingly.

Interpretation of the Biocyclic Vegan Standard has been entrusted to the Biocyclic Vegan Standard and Approval Commission, which is chaired by BNS Biocyclic Network Services. At present, approximately 60 certified smallholder family farms in Greece and Cyprus work according to the Biocyclic Vegan Standard. Compliance with the guidelines is controlled and certified by Bio Hellas as part of a supplementary overall audit of the operation that goes beyond EU organic inspections.

Produce from growers associated with the Panhellenic Biocyclic Vegan Network are sold exclusively through member organisations

of the Organic Marketing & Export Network (OMEN), which are also controlled and certified according to the Biocyclic Vegan Standard.

Other countries have also seen the establishment of producers’ associations that promote and work according to the Biocyclic Vegan Standard, including in Germany and France. In the near future, organic farms in Austria and Switzerland, as well as certain overseas projects, will also be certified according to the Standard.

“With the introduction of the Biocyclic Vegan Standard and the label “from biocyclic vegan agriculture”, it has now become possible for suppliers of both fresh and processed products to label plant-based items with the reference to biocyclic vegan farming and thus transparently communicate the consistently organic and vegan characteristics of these products to a growing segment of customers,” BNS stated in a press release.

For consumers, this provides complete traceability “from field to table”, which enables them for the first time to recognise not only that all ingredients of a product are of purely plant-based origin, but that they have already been grown according to vegan principles. **B**



ABOVE—Johannes Eisenbach of BNS Biocyclic Network Services

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- ✓ **Good for the animals**
Stockfree farming, 100% plant based inputs
- ✓ **Good for the soil**
Mulching, mixed culture, agroforestry, biodiversity
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GMO-free, pathogen-free, transparency at all stages
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