

## Data transfer policy

Issued by the inspection body and the Bio Suisse (Association of Swiss Organic Agriculture Organisations) (“**Bio Suisse**”) and the German Naturland Association for Organic Agriculture (Verband für ökologischen Landbau e.V.) (“**Naturland**”) associations to the certification bodies of Naturland and Bio Suisse.

The operation or producer group stated below is certified by both Bio Suisse (or its certification body) and Naturland in accordance with their particular association standards. Cooperation between Bio Suisse and Naturland on “water management” prevents the water management plan from being reviewed twice. However, this requires both associations and their contractually bound certification and inspection bodies to be able to exchange documents, data and information between themselves. The inspection body engaged to supervise Bio Suisse/Naturland is:

Association	Inspection body (name and address)
<b>Bio Suisse</b>	
<b>Naturland</b>	

Data should be exchanged only with the express consent of the affected operations or producer groups. This consent is voluntary. However, without this consent, the operation or producer group concerned may incur additional costs because the water management plan will have to be reviewed twice.

The operation or producer group stated below therefore **hereby authorises** the Bio Suisse and Naturland associations and the individual certification bodies for the two associations (the Naturland Certification Committee and ICB AG and bio.inspecta AG for Bio Suisse) and the inspection body referred to above to exchange the following information and data between themselves for the purposes stated:

Purpose	Data shared
Direct communications in the form of information letters, surveys or circulars. Comparison of certified operations between the Bio Suisse and Naturland associations	Address data and contact information for the operation, as well as the contact people
Communication of revocation of certification or clarifications in the event of breaches of standards and reasonable grounds to suspect such a breach	Certification-related information, such as a revocation letter, and general personal data
Review of the water management plan	Documents such as audit reports, attached detailed information, conditions and the water management plan itself, as well as general personal data and information

Where the aforementioned data also includes personal data, this is transferred and used to fulfil existing certification agreements, which are extended by the present authorisation. Where

the data subjects affected by data exchange are concerned, the signatory warrants that they have not objected to the transfer and use of their data as provided for in this authorisation.

The authorisation that has been issued is voluntary and may be revoked at any time without incurring any disadvantages beyond the additional cost described above. Even where authorisation is revoked, the legality of data processing on the basis of that authorisation prior to its revocation remains unaffected. The possibility of data processing on the basis of other statutory provisions also remains unaffected by revocation.

Data subjects may assert data subject rights (to information, correction and objection, etc.) against Bio Suisse and Naturland. They also have a right of appeal to the supervisory authority.

Data may be exchanged for as long as Bio Suisse and Naturland maintain certification or until authorisation is revoked. If you have any questions about data protection, please consult the Bio Suisse and Naturland privacy notices and the data protection officers of both Bio Suisse ([bio@bio-suisse.ch](mailto:bio@bio-suisse.ch)) and Naturland ([datenschutz@naturland.de](mailto:datenschutz@naturland.de)).

Place, date:

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Signature, company stamp