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More than forty five years of passion for the organic sector

Suolo e Salute is a private Inspection and Certification Body operating in food and environment sector. It has its origin as an association, (Associazione Suolo e Salute), which was established in 1969 in Turin and it was specialised in the promotion of organic agriculture. Authorised by the Italian Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry since 1992 for inspections and certification in organic farming and production (Reg. CE 834/07). Suolo e Salute can certify organic product to be exported to foreign countries where the organic market is growing: it has JAS accreditation for Japan, COR for Canada. It can operate according to Bio-Suisse standards (Gemma – Switzerland), AB France and KRAV (Sweden). In cooperation with recognised and accredited inspection bodies, Suolo e Salute can certify organic production to be exported to Brasil and China. It is founding member of FederBio (Federazione Italiana Agricoltura Biologica e Biodinamica), member of EOCC (European Organic Certifiers Council) and IFOAM EU supporter. Suolo e Salute has been cooperating with Italian and foreign universities and research institutions for aspects that concern organic agriculture. Suolo e Salute is a dynamic and adaptable company which pays attention to innovation and development opportunities in organic

and in the whole agricultural and food sector. Suolo e Salute is the first Inspection and Certification Body in Italy for organic certification: certifies 14.700 operators (farmers and processors) i.e. 26% of the total amount and 450.000 hectares, i.e. 1/3 of the Italian organic cultivated areas. In some Italian regions Suolo e Salute certifies most of the organic operators: in Marche and Calabria more than 50%, and it is one of the most important inspection and certification bodies for oil mills and wineries. Suolo e Salute plays a leader role in zootechnics too, as it certifies most of the Italian organic livestock holdings. The binomial organic-territory is the base of Suolo e Salute activity. The most important example of this role in the organic agriculture linked to the territory development is Val di Vara in Liguria region. Val di Vara is called "the organic valley" and most of the organic companies there are certified by Suolo e Salute. On the base of this experience Suolo e Salute is working to promote the improvement of particular areas through the organic method. The aim of Suolo e Salute is to develop "BioTerr", a project to improve economic, business, environmental and touristic development through organic agriculture. This is one of the best way to combine business, agriculture and respect for the environment. The organic is a sector we have cared about with love for more than 45 years.

Suolo e Salute

Suolo e Salute is present all over Italy: the legal and administrative office is in Fano (Marche), the technical office is in Bologna (Emilia Romagna); other thirteen regional offices from Piemonte to Sicily, from Veneto to Sardinia, operate in the main Italian regions. 80 employees and consultants and more than 270 technical inspectors (agronomists, vets, agrotechnicians) work for Suolo e Salute. Their work results in more than 19.000 inspections per year and more than 1.500 organic products samples analyzed in laboratories. The whole process is managed by an IT and data management office based in Lamezia Terme (Calabria region) which guarantees a structured control on all the data. This is a unique example among the Italian certification and inspection bodies. A Committee for Safeguarding Impartiality (CSI) guarantees the impartiality of all the certification services. It is composed of external members coming from different areas related to certification (farmers, operators, consumers, public authority). The Committee has to check the services offered by Suolo e Salute in order to guarantee the highest level of fairness throughout the whole certification process. Suolo e Salute operates in foreign countries, with offices and people working in many countries in the world: Dominican Republic, Egypt and Tunisia. It deals with inspection and certification activi-

ties all around the world, and in particular with African and Asian operators. Suolo e Salute is a modern, efficient and innovative company which guarantees proper certification services in organic and food sector.

Other accreditations

Suolo e Salute is accredited by Accredia according to ISO 17065:2012. This accreditation establishes the general requirements for inspection bodies which deal with certification for products, food chain traceability, GlobalG.A.P. standard (Global Partnership for Good Agricultural Practice for fruit, vegetable, extensive crops), and for Integrated Agriculture certification. It is accredited for the quality food productions following the Reg. CE 1151/2012 (traditional specialities guaranteed TSG, protected geographical indication PGI and protected designation of origin PDO). It has been authorised by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry since 2003. Suolo e Salute certifies Valdemone PDO olive extra virgin olive oil, Reggio Emilia PDO Traditional Balsamic Vinegar, Bruzio PDO extra virgin olive oil, Olio di Calabria IGP extra virgin olive oil, Borgotaro PGI mushroom, Etna PDO Pritney pear, Messina PGI Interdonato Lemon, Ispica PGI carrot, Etna PDO cherry. Thanks to the collaboration with other authorized and qualified partners Suolo e Salute

is able to offer other certification services (Good Manufacturing Practices GMP; ISO 22000, Halal, Kosher, British Retailer Consortium BRC and International Food Standard IFS).

Suolo e Salute's Certifications Services

- ✓ Organic Products (Reg. CE 834/2007)
- ✓ Protected Designation of Origin (PDO)
- ✓ Protected Geographical Indication (PGI)
- ✓ Traditional Specialities Guaranteed (TSG)
- ✓ GlobalG.A.P. Standard and GRASP (fruit, vegetable, extensive crops)
- ✓ Traceability in Food Chains (UNI EN ISO 22005)
- ✓ Integrated Farming (UNI 11233)
- ✓ Regional Certification (i.e. Agriqualità in Tuscany, Qualità garantita dalle Marche QM)
- ✓ Management of Green Areas (certification of parks, gardens and green areas designed for sporting activity)
- ✓ BioVegan Attitude
- ✓ Vegan Attitude
- ✓ BioCosmesi Vegan Attitude
- ✓ Cosmesi Vegan Attitude
- ✓ Natural and Organic Cosmetics (Biocosmesi)
- ✓ Voluntary Labelling for beef and poultry meat
- ✓ Private Procedural Guidelines for the evaluation of agricultural and food production

- ✓ Private Procedural Guidelines for the technical inputs for agriculture
- ✓ Environmental Management Systems (UNI EN ISO 14001)*
- ✓ Quality Management Systems (UNI EN ISO 9001)*
- ✓ Food Safety Management Systems (UNI EN ISO 22000)*
- ✓ BRC Global Standard for Food Safety e IFS (International Featured Standard)*
- ✓ Halal e Kosher*
- ✓ GMP (Good Manufacturing Practice)*

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