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Dear IFOAM Members, dear Stakeholders,

Following IFOAM membership vote, the IFOAM Standard was first published in August 2012 as Version 1.0. Since then, the IFOAM Standard Committee has continued its work to further develop and improve the standard. The next version, Version 1.1, is now ready for consultation. This new proposed version particularly addresses concerns expressed by the IFOAM members during the 2011 General Assembly, namely on protected cropping and on social justice. It also contains a number of improvements on other issues, as explained in the summary of changes on page 2.

We know that the current section on aquaculture would benefit from further work. Our Standard Committee is currently working on it, and intends to bring a proposal for a comprehensive revision of this section into the next round of revision (Version 1.2, to be approved in 2015). We ask for your understanding and patience with regard to the inclusion of changes on aquaculture, in view of this timeline.

The World Board is pleased to present this draft for consultation, and to subsequently carry on with the motion and voting processes, with the aim to have a Version 1.1 approved around April 2014. As always, your inputs are critical to the development of a standard that the IFOAM membership can be proud of. Please download the track changes documents and submit your comments to ogs@ifoam.org before June 16, 2013.

Counting on your inputs and support,



Andre Leu, President



Markus Arbenz, Executive Director

Summary of main changes proposed in this new draft

The main changes proposed in this new draft are the following:

1. A significant deepening of the social justice requirements (section 9).
2. The development of specific requirements related to protected cropping (a term that encompasses greenhouses), including a complete new section (4.7) and some restrictions to CO2 use in Appendix 3.
3. The strengthening of general requirements related to soil and sub-soil connection and to fertility amendments (definitions, new requirement 4.4.5 and 4.4.11).
4. The integration of friendly amendments which had been omitted in publication process of the previous round (various places of the document, but most significantly in 5.1., 5.7.3, and 8.1.).
5. Language clarifications regarding allowed substances (4.5).
6. Reformulation of the language related to animal conversion periods and sources/origins (5.2 and 5.3).
7. Language improvements across the whole document.

Important Information and Links

Deadline for comments: June 16, 2013. Please send comments preferably in track changes to ogs@ifoam.org.

- Download The IFOAM Standard for Organic Production and Processing Version 1.0 (current approved version) [here](#).
- Download The IFOAM Standard for Organic Production and Processing Draft Version 1.1 (draft with proposed changes) with track changes as compared to Version 1.1. [here](#) or in clean version [here](#).
- Read more about the IFOAM OGS [here](#).
- Learn more about the IFOAM Standard Committee working on this process [here](#).
- Questions (both technical or procedural) regarding the IFOAM Standard can be submitted to Joelle Katto-Andrighetto at ogs@ifoam.org.