

The quality of agri-food products in the Mediterranean area: policy, regulation and economy for the organic and the typical products

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Regulatory legislation and Jordanian experience in Quality system

- Agriculture products
 1. Organic
 2. Geographical Indicator



Organic agriculture

1. The definition of organic agriculture is included in the new Agriculture Law No. 13 /2015.
2. Issuance of the organic farming bylaw No. (133) /2016 under Articles (7) and (71) of the Agriculture Law No. (13)/2015
3. Issuance of the Organic regulations no. (Z/5) /2017 under Article (10), Article (23) and Article (24) of the Organic Farming bylaw No. (133) /2016.
4. The most important types of crops in the organic farms are: olive, palm, citrus,, grapes, vegetables, field crops and others.

Three external certification body for organic farming are:
(Ecocert French version)/ (IMO)

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CcPb



The most important challenges in organic agriculture

The absence of local certification bodies giving the organic certificate, which leads to higher costs of conversion to organic agriculture (inspection and licensing) and thus higher prices of organic product. (We work with Institution of Standards and Metrology to be local certification body)

Lack of sufficient scientific and practical knowledge of organic agriculture production, in addition the lack of consumer knowledge about the benefits and value of organic products and its location

Lack of alternatives in the local market for the inputs of chemical production used in production, whether to control pests or to improve the soil and the need to import them, which increases production costs.

lack of a clear policy to provide material and moral support to the organic agriculture sector and overcome obstacles, especially for the transitional period .



Geographical Indications (GI) status in Jordan:

- The GI in Jordan is regulated under the Geographical Law no (8/2000).
- The GI law implementation is under the authority of Ministry of industry & Trade & Supplies, through a technical department (Industrial Intellectual Property) department.
- No agricultural product has been registered to have a GI, yet.
- Currently, Ministry of Agriculture is running three projects to lay out foundations toward GI registration for Olive oil, Majhoul dates & Jordanian Awassi Sheep meat.
- The projects include in its activities awareness workshops and training sessions as aiming to promote the concept of applying Good Agricultural practices to achieve the technical requirements for GI registry.



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