



Information note for Bio Suisse-approved producers, processors and traders outside of Switzerland

## Declaration of conformity with Bio Suisse standards

### Operations

Bio Suisse-approved operations outside of Switzerland may present themselves in advertising, on websites etc. with the "approved by BIO SUISSE" add-on to their logo (see below).

This add-on may only be used if the operation is provided with a valid written approval by Bio Suisse. The written approval determines approval status at any given time.

The following and similar terms must not be used: "Bud farm/business" (*Knospe-Betrieb*), "Bio Suisse farm/business" (*Bio Suisse-Betrieb*) etc.

### Products

Products from Bio Suisse-approved operations must be labelled on containers, packages, delivery notes, invoices etc. with the phrase "approved by BIO SUISSE" and/or the logo below.

If the final packaging of a product is carried out outside of Switzerland and the Bud label therefore has to be stamped on the package, this must be done on behalf of a Bio Suisse licensee. In case of doubt, Bio Suisse reserves the right to require documentation in writing showing that the marking was carried out on behalf of a Bio Suisse licensee. The supplier in the producing country must be provided with the Bud original by the Bio Suisse licensee.

All products approved by Bio Suisse as "in conversion" must be labelled clearly as "in conversion products".

The following and similar declarations must not be used: "Bio Suisse", "Bud" (*Knospe*), "Full Bud" (*Vollknospe*), "Bud in conversion" (*Umstellungsknospe*), "Bud-approved" (*Knospe-angekannt*), "Bud-compliant" (*Knospe-konform*), etc.



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#### Explanation

According to Bio Suisse standards, use of the collective Bud label (German: "*Knospe*") and the respective logo is reserved to the parties to a contract with Bio Suisse (Swiss producers, licensees of Bio Suisse, see article 1.3 ff of Bio Suisse standards). Third parties without a contract with Bio Suisse, such as Bio Suisse-approved operations outside of Switzerland, are not entitled to mark their products with the Bud label themselves. This right is reserved to the importing company provided with a Bio Suisse licence contract.

The occasional use of "Bio Suisse" on delivery notes or invoices can also lead to misunderstandings because "Bio Suisse" is used for Bud-labelled products of Swiss origin (see Bio Suisse- standards, article 6.1ff).