



The FiBL approach to inputs lists

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Organic Inputs Evaluation Network

- › Since 2009, the input evaluation teams in Switzerland, Germany and Austria form a network.
- › aims: harmonization, exchange of experience and knowledge
- › common software tool developed
- › Network is open for other interested parties
- › See: www.organicinputs.org



Our «family of input lists»

- › Lists for each country
- › Special lists with feed pre-mixes, for food processing and for private gardening
- › Special lists for private label organizations



Switzerland as an example

- › In the following, the list for Switzerland is presented as an example
- › Note that minor differences to the other lists occur
- › published annually since 21 years
- › published in two languages (German, French)
- › free download from internet & online product search



The FiBL list for Switzerland

- › Every Bio Suisse farmer receives a printed copy
- › Basis for farm management decisions related to inputs
- › Binding for all Bio Suisse producers
- › Basis for inspection & certification
- › Consulted by extension services, food control authorities, private gardeners, ...

The FiBL list for Switzerland

- › Principle: Full coverage of **all commercial products, regardless of their legal status** (includes also all kinds of «strengtheners»)

Categories covered:

- › fertilizers & substrates* (approx. 750 products)
- › pesticides & beneficials* (approx. 350 products)
- › cleaning & disinfection* (approx. 50 products)
- › animal parasite control (approx. 40 products)
- › feeds & silage agents (approx. 400 products)

* plus related areas

Emphasis on user-friendliness

1-30-3 Substrate ohne Torf

Produkt	Firma	Gehalt		Zusammensetzung, Bemerkungen
Aussaaterde Bio-Line	Ricoter	NO3-N	900-2500	Torfersatz, pflanzlicher Kompost, Kokospeat, Sand Salz 1300-1900 µS/cm, pH 7.0- für Garten, Herstellungsdatum: Hilfsstoff-Knospe
		NH4-N	100-500	
		P	400-800	
		K	4000-8000	
Aussaaterde Ökohum Bio	Ökohum			Blähton, Perlite, pflanzlicher Kompost, Kokospeat, Sand Herstellungsdatum: Hilfsstoff-Knospe

**trade
name**

company

nutrients

**components,
other information**

Adressen der Firmen

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Amstutz	Amstutz Produkte Luzernstrasse 11 3450 Hünenbach	041 448 14 41 041 448 21 89	

company

Contact details

Evaluation criteria

- › Evaluation of **full composition** without exceptions
- › Compliance with general legislation (registration ...)
- › Compliance with organic regulation
- › Compliance with Bio Suisse standards
- › Compliance with inputs-related specific decisions of Bio Suisse.

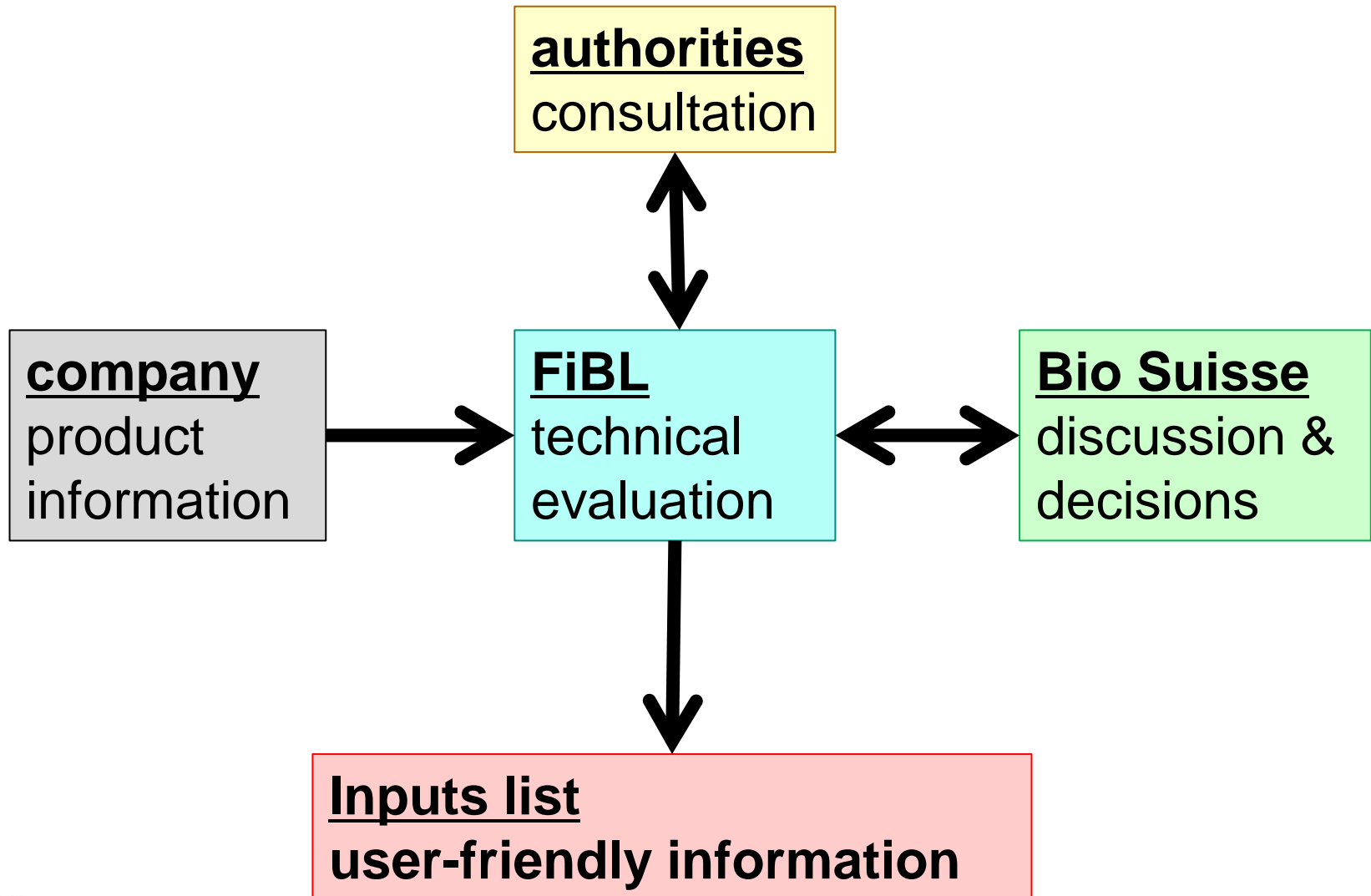
Quality control:

- › Analytical spot-checking of selected samples
- › Cross-checks with partners & authorities in critical cases

Evaluation procedures

- › **Companies apply for listing**
- › **Secrecy undertaking, disclosure of product composition and manufacturing process**
- › **Technical evaluation by FiBL**
- › **Consultation of authorities**
- › **Discussion with Bio Suisse representatives (round table)**
- › **Decisions by Bio Suisse**
- › **List published by FiBL**

Overview of stakeholder involvement



Summary

- **Open network**
- **Harmonization & exchange of knowledge**
- **Adaptation to individual situations & needs**
- **Technical evaluation by dedicated experts**
- **Consultation of stakeholders**
 - **farmers: needs, regional specificities**
 - **authorities: compliance with general legislation on pesticides, fertilizers, disinfectants, parasite control, feed ...**
- **Builds on existing, local structures**

Thank you for your attention !



Further information:

www.betriebsmittelliste.ch (Switzerland)

www.betriebsmittelliste.de (Germany)

www.betriebsmittelliste.at (Austria)

www.organicinputs.org (Network)