



## Press Release

### **LibanCert/Quacerta launched its ISO65 accreditation**

**The Lebanese organic certification body, LibanCert, launched its ISO 65 accreditation by IOAS, the International Organic Accreditation Service, on October 6, 2008 in Beirut.** LibanCert is now offering full certification services for exports to the European Union. The accreditation also covers the recently established internationally operating branch, Quacerta, which is offering its services in the Arab region, e.g. Jordan, Syria, Saudi Arabia and the Emirates.

LibanCert was founded in November 2005 and is managed by a trilingual<sup>1</sup> team of agronomists with long-standing experience in organic agriculture. LibanCert operates under the umbrella of the American University of Beirut, with the support of the Swiss government and FiBL, the Swiss Research Institute of Organic Agriculture. Besides certification on organic standards such as EU Regulation 2092/91 respectively 834/2007, the Swiss ordinance on organic production and the Lebanese organic standards, LibanCert is further offering certification services for quality management systems such as GlobalGap and Fair Trade in cooperation with its Swiss partner bio.inspecta

The launching of LibanCert accreditation was conducted in Beirut under the patronage of the Minister of Economy and Trade, Mr. Mohammad Al Safadi. The Swiss Ambassador, Mr. Francois Barras, congratulated LibanCert on the excellent performance in the accreditation process and stressed that its reliability and high technical expertise would be important assets for cooperation with European partners. The General Manager of LibanCert, Roula Fares, said, "We are the only certification body in Lebanon where the local team is in charge of the complete certification process for exports. Therefore we can offer our clients a professional and quick service."

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