

Extract from the Bio Suisse Standards

Cultivation of former GMO plots

Based on part II, section 2.5.1

Suitable crop rotations must be carried out for at least two years (corresponding to the conversion period) on any plots where GMO crops had been grown prior to organic cultivation. During this period neither the same kind of crop nor a crop that could be cross-pollinated with previous GMO crops may be grown on the plots concerned. Such plots must be specially marked and named on the land use plan. The crop rotation and other measures should be discussed during the inspection and recorded in the inspection report.

If the same kind of crop is grown elsewhere on the organic farming operation, analyses of the harvested crops may be requested. Before organic rapeseed can be planted on parcels where genetically modified rapeseed had previously grown, Bio Suisse prescribes a waiting period of 15 years if no specific control occurs, or 2 years if a specific control of second-generation crops occurs.

For newly acquired land and newly converted farming operations in areas where genetically modified plants are grown, proof of previous management practices is required.