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The two original Regulations include many requirements of the control system relevant to the control bodies and many administrative requirements relevant to government authorities and the European Commission itself. These have been removed to leave only the requirements that need to be applied by the certified operators.

To all ICEA certified operators against EU Regulation in Malaysia, please take note that from now onwards all decisions made by ICEA EU Certification Committee will be made based on this new document. (See <http://www.icea.info/News/tabid/57/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/281/Icea-international.aspx> for more information)

The document can be downloaded here for your reference (M0203ES_ACBs_Equivalent_EU_standard_for_third_countries_Ed02.pdf). A shorter version of the document specific for organic farming is also attached specifically targetted to Malaysian farmers interested to apply for EU organic certification (M0202_ES_Certification_Regulation_for_foreign_sector_Ed02.pdf).