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COSTA RICA ACCEPTED BY SWITZERLAND AND THE PRINCIPALITY OF LIECHTENSTEIN FOR INCLUSION IN THEIR LIST OF THIRD COUNTRIES FOR ORGANIC PLANT PRODUCTS

Communication from Costa Rica

1. The Embassy of Costa Rica in Switzerland has notified us that the acceptance by Switzerland and the Principality of Liechtenstein of the inclusion of Costa Rica in their List of Third Countries for Organic Plant Products has been published in the Swiss Official Journal.
 2. Import authorization is granted for plant products and derivatives thereof which are organically produced pursuant to Article 1 of the Organic Farming Ordinance of 22 September 1997.
 3. This authorization is valid from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2006.
 4. The certification agencies are as follows:

Eco-LOGICA.
BCS Öko-Garantie.
 5. This move will both facilitate trade in organic products between the countries and open up new markets.
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