

Basic conditions (each must be fulfilled):

- 1. The livestock must belong to an autochthonous breed (or traditional to that region)
- 2. Livestock must be kept in a free range management
- 3. The production must be local, extensive and not industrial
- 4. Livestock must be of value for the Cultural heritage
- 5. Specifications for Animal welfare must be respected

Additional conditions (half of them must be fulfilled):

- 1. Participating Ark Stations should run a herd book, or should be a member of a breeding organisation which runs a herd book, at least they have to document a breeding strategy with a register.
- 2. The Livestock should be pure breeds and that should be documented
- 3. Quality should be guaranteed (seasonal fluctuations are accepted for natural products but feeding guidelines have to be respected)
- 4. Traditional processing should be used
- 5. The distribution should respect Rules of fair trade
- 6. Manufacturing should regard as minimum EU Bio regulations (Council Regulation (EC) No 967/2008 of 29 September 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products.