

International Organisation for Biological and Integrated Control of Noxious Animals and Plants International (IOBC)

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IOBC is an international organisation that aims at promoting the development of biological control (The term "biological control" means the use of living organisms or their products to prevent or reduce the losses or harm caused by pest organisms). It is affiliated with the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU) as the Section of Biological Control of the International Union of Biological Sciences (IUBS). IOBC's traditional areas of competence are in the agronomic and ecological aspects of sustainable crop production (IP) and are the basis of the high IOBC standards. In its reference document "Integrated Production Principles of IOBC (2004)" (IOBC Commission on "IP Guidelines and Endorsement" 2004) the organisation sets out the rules of Integrated Farming which are binding for regional IP-organisations seeking or having received IOBC endorsement.

Regarding weed management IOBC rules that this should be achieved, as far as possible, by non-chemical methods. Unselective pesticides with long persistence, high volatility or human-toxicity are prohibited. The ban on Paraquat is explicitly listed in the IOBC Crop Specific Technical Guidelines III for olives, grapes and soft fruits.

- Integrated Production Principles of IOBC (2004) www.iobc.ch/ip_principles.html
- Crop Specific Technical Guidelines III for grapes. www.iobc.ch/IOBCGrapes.pdf
- Crop Specific Technical Guidelines III for olives. www.iobc.ch/IOBCOliveINTERNET.pdf
- Crop Specific Technical Guidelines III for soft fruits. www.iobc.ch/IOBCSoftFruit.pdf