Dear Mrs Stahr-Sedaghat,

We have been receiving such questions as well and have provided control bodies with the following quick guide to codes. It is important to remember that the codes indicate which import regime the goods are imported under - in fact, the first digit of the number helps differentiate between equivalent Third country (0NN), import authorisation (6NN) and recognised control body (1NN)

Imported product covered by equivalence agreement with Third Country.
The third country has the choice of using the abbreviation ORG or BIO or ECO:
Example [Country ISO-code]-ORG-0[NN=number attributed to CB by the competent authority of the Third Country]

Imported product covered by import authorisation issued by a Member State:
[Country ISO-code]-BIO-6[NN=Number attributed to CB for import authorisations by the Member States] or
[Country ISO-code]-BIO-7[NN=number attributed to CB] or [Country ISO-code]-BIO-8[NN=number attributed to CB]

Imported product covered by certificate issued by CB recognised for the purpose of equivalence as of 1 July 2012:
[Country ISO-code]-BIO-1[NN=number attributed to CB by the Commission] . Once 100 CBs have been recognised, we will move to [Country ISO-code]-BIO-2[NN=number attributed to CB]

When goods will be imported after 1 July 2012 covered by a certificate of inspection issued by a control body listed in Annex IV of Reg. 1235/2008 as amended, these goods will bear a code commencing with the number ”1”.

I hope this information is useful. Please don't hesitate to call or email me if you have further questions.

Best regards,
Christina Gerstgrasser