



IMPORTING ORGANIC PRODUCTS TO THE U.S.

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In order to be sold as organic in the U.S., products produced in countries other than those listed here must be certified to the USDA National Organic Program (NOP) and come with a valid NOP certificate. EXCEPTION: products from India, in addition to the NOP certificate, must also be accompanied by a Transaction Certificate issued through the Indian Tracenet system.

CANADA

Products produced worldwide and certified to the Canada Organic Product Regulations can be sold as organic in the U.S. (effective June 30, 2009).

Terms of the Arrangement. To trade products under the partnership, certified operations must:

- Produce livestock without antibiotics.
- Ship imports with documentation that states, "Certified in compliance with the terms of the US-Canada Organic Equivalency Arrangement."

Labeling Requirements. For packaged retail products, labels or stickers must state the name of the Canadian certifier and may use the USDA organic seal and/or the Canada organic logo.

EUROPEAN UNION (EU)

Products certified to the EU organic standards can be sold as organic in the U.S. (effective June 1, 2012).

Products must be either produced or have had final processing or packaging occur within the EU.

Terms of the Arrangement. To trade products under the partnership, certified operations must:

- Produce livestock without antibiotics.
- Meet additional specifications for wine.
- Ship imports with a National Organic Program (NOP) **import certificate**, reviewed and signed by an EU-authorized certification body.

Excluded Products: Aquatic animals.

Labeling Requirements. For packaged retail products, labels or stickers must state the name of the EU certification body and may use the USDA organic seal and/or the EU organic logo.

JAPAN

Products certified to the Japanese Agricultural Standards (JAS) can be sold as organic in the U.S. Plants, including fungi, and plant-based processed products (such as grape juice or corn meal) are eligible for JAS certification (effective January 1, 2014).

Products must be either produced or have had final processing or packaging occur within Japan.

Terms of the Arrangement. To trade products under the partnership, certified operations must:

- Ship imports with an **NOP import certificate**, reviewed and signed by a JAS-authorized certifier.

Labeling Requirements. For packaged retail products, labels or stickers must state the name of the JAS certifier and may use the USDA organic seal and/or the Japanese organic logo.

Other Products. Organic products regulated by the JAS law may be imported to the U.S. if they are certified to the USDA organic regulations. Examples of such non-plant-based products include meat, dairy products, and alcoholic beverages. These products do not require an NOP import certificate.

KOREA

Processed products certified to the Korean organic standards can be sold as organic in the U.S. (effective July 1, 2014).

Products must be either produced or have had final processing or packaging occur within Korea.

Terms of the Arrangement. To trade products under the partnership, certified operations must:

- Produce processed livestock products without the use of antibiotics.
- Ship imports with a National Organic Program (NOP) **import certificate**, reviewed and signed by a Korean-authorized certification body.

Labeling Requirements. For packaged retail processed products, labels or stickers must state the name of the Korean certification body and may use the USDA organic seal and/or the Korean organic logo.

Other Products. Other products, such as fresh pears or onions, need to be certified to the USDA organic standards.

SWITZERLAND

Products certified to the Swiss organic standards can be sold as organic in the U.S. (effective July 10, 2015).

Products must be either produced or have had final processing or packaging occur within Switzerland.

Terms of the Arrangement. To trade products under the partnership, certified operations must:

- Produce livestock without antibiotics.
- Meet additional specifications for wine.
- Ship imports with a National Organic Program (NOP) **import certificate**, reviewed and signed by a Swiss-authorized certification body.

Labeling Requirements. For packaged retail products, labels or stickers must state the name of the Swiss certification body and may use the USDA organic seal.