

Organic Foods

US and other North American countries

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service administers programs that facilitate the efficient, fair marketing of U.S. agricultural products, including food, fiber, and specialty crops. The USDA defines Organic production as a system that is managed in accordance with the Organic Foods Production Act (OFPA) of 1990 (PDF) and regulations in Title 7, Part 205 of the Code of Federal Regulations to respond to site-specific conditions by integrating cultural, biological, and mechanical practices that foster cycling of resources, promote ecological balance, and conserve biodiversity.

For detailed guidelines visit <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSv1.0/nop>

European Union and Africa

The European Union requires Organic Certification as per NPOP which is considered equivalent to Council Regulation (EEC) No. 834/2007 and Swiss Organic Farming Ordinance for plant products originating in India. For more information visit

http://apeda.com/apedawebsite/organic/Organic_Products.htm

The Middle East and Far East regions require the food products being exported meet the Organic Certification as per NPOP which is considered equivalent to Council Regulation (EEC) No. 834/2007. APEADA defines Organic products as those that are grown under a system of agriculture without the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides with an environmentally and socially responsible approach. Further information can be viewed at http://apeda.com/apedawebsite/organic/Organic_Products.htm

Japan

In Japan, the measurement happens in accordance to the Food labeling & Japanese Agricultural Standard as defined by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries. JAS for Organic Products can be viewed at <http://www.maff.go.jp/e/jas/index.html>

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Note: All labs conducting the tests/certification/inspection have to be recognized by respective regulators and should be NABL/ISO17025.

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