



Organic Fraud and Protecting Your Supply Chain

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Business

The labels said ‘organic.’ But these massive imports of corn and soybeans weren’t.

By **Peter Whoriskey** May 12, 2017

A shipment of 36 million pounds of soybeans sailed late last year from Ukraine to Turkey to California. Along the way, it underwent a remarkable transformation.

The cargo began as ordinary soybeans, according to documents obtained by The Washington Post. Like ordinary soybeans, they were fumigated with a pesticide. They were priced like ordinary soybeans, too.

But by the time the 600-foot cargo ship carrying them to Stockton, Calif., arrived in December, the soybeans had been labeled “organic,” according to receipts, invoices and other shipping records. That switch — the addition of the “USDA Organic” designation — boosted their value by approximately \$4 million, creating a windfall for at least one company in the supply chain.



Overview

- * USDA Organic
- * Fraud
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- * Areas of Risk
 - * Imports
 - * Uncertified handlers
- * Resources for Protecting Your Supply Chain



What is USDA NOP Organic?

What Can Be Called USDA Organic?

- The USDA Agricultural Marketing Service oversees all agricultural products sold, labeled, or represented as organic in the United States
- Any food, feed, feed input, or fiber sold or labeled as organic in the U.S. must follow USDA organic procedures
- Organic certification has four categories:
 - Crops
 - Wild Crops
 - Livestock
 - Handling (defined as selling, processing, or packaging)

How Do I Know if a Product is Organic?



Look at the label. If it has the USDA organic seal, the product is certified organic and has 95% or more organic content.

For multi-ingredient products, if the label lists specific organic ingredients, those ingredients have been certified organic.

Who Sets the Rules for the USDA Organic Label?

- **The USDA's National Organic Program:**
 - Develops regulations or "standards" for organic crop, wild crop, and livestock production, as well as processing and handling
 - Ensures enforcement of the regulations
 - Is authorized by the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990
 - Is part of USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service
- Visit the USDA organic portal: usda.gov/organic
- View organic regulations: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title7-vol3/pdf/CFR-2011-title7-vol3-part205.pdf>



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Organic 101

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/organic-certification/is-it-an-option>

What is USDA NOP Organic?

Review: The Meaning of Organic

This training module assumes an understanding of the concepts from a beginning module, Organic 101

- The organic label shows that a food or agricultural product has been **produced using methods approved by the USDA**
- Organic farmers use practices that **support the cycling of on-farm resources, promote ecological balance, and conserve biodiversity**
- Organic farmers **must not use prohibited synthetic fertilizers, sewage sludge, ionizing irradiation, or genetic engineering**



Review: Organic Certification

- The USDA **accredits certifiers** to review, inspect, and certify the practices of organic farms and processing facilities
- Organic farms and processing facilities that follow all USDA organic rules are called **certified organic operations** – often called producers and handlers
- Producers and handlers may choose to work with any accredited certifier
- Certifiers may be **private entities, states, or foreign governments**
- There are **over 80 certifiers** around the world, and most work in all 50 US states: visit www.ams.usda.gov
- The USDA oversees and monitors certifiers



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Organic 201

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Organic Law and Regulations

The Organic Law and Regulations

- **Organic Foods Production Act (OFPA) of 1990**
 - Established the USDA National Organic Program (NOP)
 - Required consistent national standards for organically produced agricultural products
- **USDA Organic Regulations**
 - Published in the Code of Federal Regulations
 - Include standards for production, handling/processing, labeling, certification, and accreditation
 - Updated and maintained by the USDA
- **USDA Agricultural Marketing Service, National Organic Program (NOP)**
 - Develops and enforces the organic regulations
 - Accredits and oversees certifiers, who certify and oversee organic operations
 - Facilitates trade by supporting equivalency and recognition agreements with other countries

Access the organic regulations and other helpful information at:
www.ams.usda.gov



Organic Integrity: Governance and Certification

Organic Law and Regulations

The National Organic Standards Board

The National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) is a citizen advisory board of volunteer farmers, handlers, a retailer, scientists, an environmentalist, consumer advocates, and a certifier.

The Secretary of Agriculture appoints members of the NOSB, which:

- Reviews **substances** that are proposed to be allowed or prohibited in organic agriculture
- Advises the USDA on organic production and handling practice standards
- Holds **public meetings** where it receives written and oral public comments, and votes on Committee proposals

To learn more about the NOSB, visit www.ams.usda.gov

Certifiers and Certified Operations

Accredited certifiers

- Evaluate applications for certification from farming, ranching, processing, and handling operations
- Review Organic System Plans and conduct on-site inspections
- Approve the use of the organic label on agricultural products
- Enforce the USDA organic regulations

Farmers, Ranchers, Processors, and Handlers

- Apply to be certified as organic by providing records and an Organic System Plan to a USDA-accredited certifier
- Undergo annual inspections, and possibly unannounced inspections
- Produce and process agricultural products as described in their approved Organic System Plan; maintain and update the plan
- Appropriately label organic products for consumers and retailers



Do I Need to Be Certified Organic?



The screenshot shows the USDA Organic Certification page. The header includes the USDA logo and navigation links. The main content area is titled "Do I Need to Be Certified Organic?" and lists various categories of operations that may or may not need certification. A sidebar on the left provides links to "Organic Certification" and "Organic Labeling". A "News & Announcements" section is at the bottom.

Organic Certification

Overview
Benefits of Organic Certification
View a List of Certified Operations
Becoming a Certified Operation
Becoming a Certifying Agent
Training
Organic Labeling
International Trade
Is Organic an Option for Me?
Do I Need to Be Certified Organic?

Do I Need to Be Certified Organic?

Most farms and businesses that grow, handle, or process organic products must be certified, including:

- Farms that sell more than \$5,000 in organic products per year (gross sales).
- Handlers that sell more than \$5,000 of organic processed food, including handlers that place bulk products into smaller packages or that repackage/relabel products.
- Processors that sell more than \$5,000 of organic processed products, unless all products contain less than 70 percent organic ingredients or only identify the organic ingredients in the ingredient statement.
- Vendors that handle (e.g. package) and sell products online (but not in stores) or otherwise deliver organic products.

Overall, if you make a product and want to claim that it or its ingredients are organic, your final product probably also needs to be certified.

Who may not need to be certified?

- Small organic farms and businesses (gross agricultural income from organic sales less than \$5,000 per year)
- Brokers, distributors, and traders
- Retail food establishments
- Exempt handling operations

News & Announcements

- 03/12 USDA Decides Not to Impose Additional Regulatory Requirements for Organic Producers and Handlers
- 01/31 USDA Launches MARS, Delivering Market Data to Agricultural Producers Around the Globe Faster and Easier
- 06/06 USDA Seeks Nominations for the National Organic Standards Board

View the Organic Program Handbook

Road to Organic Certification

Organic Cost Share Programs

Get USDA Organic Insider updates!

Regulations - Who does not need to be certified?



- **Exempt operations - § 205.101 (a)**
 - < \$5,000 in organic sales
 - Retail food establishments
 - Products that are < 70% organic, or only list organic ingredients
- **Excluded operations - § 205.101 (b)**
 - If product is packaged or otherwise enclosed in a container prior to being received or acquired, and
 - If product remains in same package or container, and is not processed further

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/organic-certification/need-be-certified>

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<https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/organic-certification/training>



Fraud Defined

- * **Definition of fraud**

- * 1 a : [deceit](#), [trickery](#); specifically : intentional perversion of truth in order to induce another to part with something of value or to surrender a legal right.
- * b : an act of deceiving or misrepresenting : [trick](#)

- * 2 a : a person who is not what he or she pretends to be : [impostor](#); also : one who defrauds : [cheat](#)
- * b : one that is not what it seems or is represented to be.

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/fraud>



ASTA Resources



The Voice of the U.S. Spice Industry in the Global Market

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Adulteration and Food Fraud

Adulteration and food fraud can pose serious issues for companies. The most common examples of economically motivated adulteration involve the addition of materials to make a food seem more valuable and while this is frequently not a safety issue, it is of concern to the entire food industry. A number of resources are available from ASTA and other organizations to address adulteration and food fraud.



Search

Search...

Food Safety

- Clean, Safe, Spices Guidance Document
- Microscopic Identification of Spices
- Allergens
- Identification and Prevention of Adulteration Guidance Document
- HACCP Guide to Spices and Seasonings
- Adulteration and Food Fraud
- White Papers
- Analytical Methods Manual
- Cleanliness Specifications
- Microbiology
- Spice Monographs
- Check Sample Program
- Good Agricultural Practices Guide (GAP Guide)
- Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) Guide for Spices
- Principles of Physical Cleaning Guide

ASTA Resources

Identification and Prevention of Adulteration Guidance Document

Adulteration is one of the major concerns of the spice industry and this guidance document provides a tool for companies to identify circumstances when adulteration may occur and then take steps to prevent it. The ASTA guidance is based on a publication developed by the British Retail Consortium, the Food and Drink Federation and the Seasoning and Spice Association.

Member Self Regulation Program

ASTA is committed to ensuring clean, safe spice and the Self-Regulation Program was developed as a tool to facilitate that effort. Members who believe a spice has been adulterated may file a confidential report with ASTA's legal counsel who will investigate the allegation. Complete details on the scope of the program and how to file a report are contained in the materials.

Draft guidance on food fraud mitigation

[Download Food Chemicals Codex](#)

Other Resources

USP Food Fraud Database

The U. S. Pharmacopel Convention (USP) has updated its on-line, searchable database for food ingredient fraud report and is now charging a fee for access. The database can be used to assess existing and emerging risks and trends for economically motivated adulteration, authenticity, fraud, or counterfeiting issues for food ingredients. It may also be useful in managing the risk of food fraud by providing a library of detection methods reported in peer-reviewed scientific journals.

USP Food Fraud Mitigation Guidance

The U.S. Pharmacopel Convention (USP) has developed Food Fraud Mitigation Guidance. Published in October 2016, the guidance provides tools to assist users in the development of a personalized preventive management system to counter food fraud.

Proposed rule on protecting food against intentional adulteration

[Download FDA FSMA Facts](#)



<http://www.astaspice.org/food-safety/adulteration-and-food-fraud/>

Fraud: Conventional vs. Organic

Conventional fraud

- * Adulteration
- * Quantity
- * Quality (and claims)
- * Function
- * Location (origin)
- * Economically Motivated

Organic fraud

- * Commingling §205.272
- * Contamination §205.272
(fumigation/prohibited substances including pesticide residues)
- * Product Composition §205.301
- * Labeling
 - * Subpart D—Labels, Labeling, and Market Information
- * What has to be certified §205.100
 - * Uncertified products
- * Not Meeting Equivalency Arrangements



Price: Conventional vs. Organic

WA LO101
Washington, DC Mon Apr 2, 2018 USDA Market News

AMS Weekly Retail Organic Price Comparison

Advertised Prices for all regions to Consumers at Major Retail Supermarkets ending during the period of 03/30 thru 04/05

	FRUIT / VEGETABLES	LIVESTOCK	POULTRY	DAIRY
Outlets	29,200	29,200	29,200	23,100
Total Ads	411,039	327,105	128,658	103,005
Organic Items in Ads (2/)	37,417 (9.10%)	2,290 (0.70%)	3,715 (2.89%)	3,131 (3.04%)

AMS Weekly Retail Organic Price Comparison Report

FRUITS

COMMODITY	VARIETY	UNIT	ORGANIC STORES WTD AV		CONVENTIONAL STORES WTD AV		ORGANIC \$PREMIUM %PREMIUM	
APPLES	BRAEBURN	per pound	31	1.89	377	1.32	0.58	44
APPLES	FUJI	2 lb bag	146	4.06	10	3.99	0.07	2
APPLES	FUJI	3 lb bag	271	4.39	40	2.09	2.30	110
APPLES	FUJI	per pound	851	1.88	1929	1.51	0.37	25
APPLES	GALA	2 lb bag	216	3.95	92	2.27	1.68	74
APPLES	GALA	3 lb bag	452	3.75	115	3.74	0.01	0
APPLES	GALA	per pound	983	1.77	3873	1.55	0.22	14
APPLES	GOLDEN DELICIOUS	per pound	57	1.11	89	1.24	-0.13	-10
APPLES	GRANNY SMITH	3 lb bag	38	3.79	650	3.63	0.16	4
APPLES	GRANNY SMITH	per pound	264	1.63	1556	1.35	0.28	21
APPLES	RED DELICIOUS	2 lb bag	10	3.44	72	2.00	1.44	72
APPLES	RED DELICIOUS	3 lb bag	30	3.47	184	3.40	0.07	2
APPLES	RED DELICIOUS	per pound	112	1.74	988	1.02	0.73	72
APPLES, PROCESSED	JUICE	64 oz (1/2 gallon)	63	2.83	2581	1.66	1.17	70
AVOCADOS	HASS	each	975	1.68	4659	1.30	0.39	30
AVOCADOS	VARIOUS GREENSKIN VARIETIES	each	9	0.99	39	1.31	-0.32	-25
BANANAS		per pound	1074	0.87	526	0.47	0.40	85
BLUEBERRIES		1 pint package	5	2.99	1429	3.03	-0.04	-1
BLUEBERRIES		6 oz package	742	4.13	7709	2.75	1.38	50
CLEMENTINES		2 lb bag	152	3.99	655	3.15	0.84	26
GRAPEFRUIT	RED	each	7	0.98	89	1.03	-0.05	-5
GRAPEFRUIT	RED	per pound	12	0.98	30	0.86	0.12	14
KIWIFRUIT	HAYWARD	1 lb bag	9	2.49	23	2.50	-0.01	-0
LEMONS		2 lb bag	52	4.87	1788	2.79	2.09	75
LEMONS		each	25	0.86	2859	0.62	0.24	39
LEMONS		per pound	41	3.59	27	1.19	2.40	201
MANGOES		each	518	1.29	10059	1.12	0.17	15
MISC BERRIES	BLACKBERRIES	5.6 - 6 oz package	894	3.99	10802	2.21	1.79	81
ORANGES	NAVEL	3 lb bag	582	5.12	521	3.21	1.91	59
ORANGES	NAVEL	4 lb bag	22	4.97	1356	3.08	1.89	61
ORANGES	NAVEL	each	263	1.68	2511	0.99	0.70	71
ORANGES	NAVEL	per pound	491	1.70	3732	1.10	0.60	54
ORANGES	VALENCIA	per pound	124	0.90	50	0.25	0.65	260
PEARS	BARTLETT	per pound	401	1.68	1072	1.59	0.10	6
PEARS	BOSC	per pound	5	1.69	1175	1.56	0.13	8
PEARS	D'ANJOU	per pound	164	1.54	2437	1.54	0.00	0
PINEAPPLES		each	576	3.50	23721	2.20	1.30	59
PINEAPPLES		per pound	39	3.49	509	0.77	2.72	356
RASPBERRIES	RED	6 oz package	344	4.89	10297	2.93	1.95	67
STRAWBERRIES		1 lb package	2775	3.98	11708	2.50	1.49	60
TANGELOS		3 lb bag	82	3.49	1135	4.99	-1.50	-30
TANGELOS		per pound	17	1.52	1360	1.24	0.28	23
TANGERINES		2 lb bag	64	3.99	157	3.11	0.88	28



Price: Conventional vs. Organic

POULTRY

COMMODITY	PRODUCT	UNIT	ORGANIC		CONVENTIONAL		ORGANIC	
			STORES	WTD AV	STORES	WTD AV	\$PREMIUM	%PREMIUM
CHICKEN	BAGGED FRYER	per pound	556	2.91	1151	1.28	1.63	127
CHICKEN	BNLS/SKNLS BREAST	per pound	1083	6.82	3778	2.37	4.45	188
CHICKEN	BNLS/SKNLS THIGHS	per pound	46	6.69	390	2.48	4.21	170
CHICKEN	BREAST TENDERS	per pound	155	9.76	92	3.36	6.40	190
CHICKEN	DRUMSTICKS	per pound	242	2.61	297	1.28	1.33	104
CHICKEN	LEGS	per pound	13	3.99	71	1.01	2.98	295
CHICKEN	SPLIT BN-IN BREAST	per pound	23	6.16	156	1.65	4.51	273
CHICKEN	THIGHS	per pound	439	3.24	282	1.36	1.88	138
EGGS	GRADE A BROWN LARGE	1 DOZEN	1120	3.98	71	2.85	1.13	40



Articles in the Press on Organic Fraud

Articles from The Washington Post

The Washington Post

Business

Why your 'organic' milk may not be organic

By Peter Whoriskey May 1, 2017

The Washington Post

Wonkblog

Why the hell am I paying more for this? Major egg operation houses USDA Organic hens at three per square foot

By Peter Whoriskey July 13, 2017

The Washington Post

Business

The labels said 'organic.' But these massive imports of corn and soybeans weren't.

By Peter Whoriskey May 12, 2017

The Washington Post

Wonkblog

Organic food fraud leads Congress to weigh bill doubling USDA oversight

By Peter Whoriskey December 21, 2017

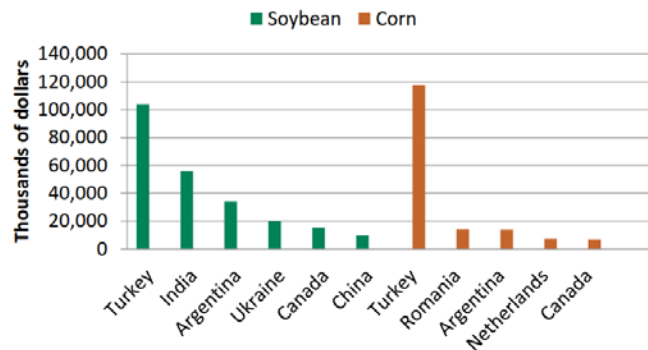


Imported Grains

Trade



Exports to the U.S. (2016)



Source: USDA FAS GATS

Eastern European organic supply concerns



- 2016 Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) Report
 - Turkish organic corn imports exceed Turkish organic production
 - Concerns about fraudulent organic certificates
- Anti-fraud initiative
- USDA Office of Inspector General (OIG)



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<https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/organic-certification/training>

Imports & Uncertified Handlers

NOP 4013



United States Department of Agriculture
Agricultural Marketing Service
National Organic Program

1400 Independence Avenue SW
Room 2642-South Building
Washington, DC 20250

NOP 4013
Effective Date: October 25, 2017
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Interim Instruction Maintaining the Integrity of Organic Imports

1. Purpose and Scope

This instruction explains the current requirements of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) organic regulations (7 CFR Part 205) for USDA-accredited certifying agents (certifiers) engaged in the oversight of organic products imported into the United States. It also recommends best practices and provides examples that certifiers may use in order to comply with the existing regulations. This instruction details the certification requirements and documentation needed to import organic products into the United States, certifiers' responsibilities in reviewing or issuing import related documents, and handling instructions needed to maintain the organic integrity of imported organic products.

This instruction applies to all USDA-accredited certifiers and accredited certifiers authorized to operate under USDA organic recognition and equivalency arrangements.

2. Background

The USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), National Organic Program (NOP), facilitates international trade of organic products by authorizing organizations around the world to certify farms and businesses to the USDA organic regulations, and by establishing trade arrangements with foreign countries. Foreign operations are subject to the same requirements as domestic operations, and organic products verified to be in compliance with the regulations or equivalency arrangements can be imported for sale into the United States.

NOSB

National Organic Standards Board
Compliance, Accreditation and Certification Subcommittee
Import Oversight Discussion Document
February 25, 2018

I. INTRODUCTION

Since the passage of the Organic Foods Protection Act into law in 1990, organic trade has grown to a nearly \$50 billion market in U.S. sales alone. Strong year over year growth has led to an increase in imports, particularly in grains. Integral to past and future growth is consumer confidence in the integrity of the USDA organic label. Recent press, NOP enforcement actions, and testimony from stakeholders have raised concerns around fraudulent imports of organic products. Organic supply chain integrity relies on a public/private partnership that has different roles for industry (growers and handlers), certifiers, and the USDA in a global organic control system. It is important that further actions are taken to improve the integrity of the organic supply chain and global control system to ensure U.S. businesses do not lose market share to fraudulent products and U.S. consumers get the product they expect.

II. BACKGROUND

On August 10, 2017, the USDA issued a memo to the NOSB on oversight of imported organic products. In this memo, the USDA outlined a number of actions taken by the NOP to deter fraudulent shipments. Additionally, the memo expressed the AMS's priority to explore additional measure that would strengthen the global organic control system. AMS specifically requested the NOSB "provide recommendations on improving the oversight and control procedures that are used by AMS, certified and operations to verify organic claims for imported organic products."

To support this work AMS convened a panel at the Fall 2017 NOSB meeting. This panel was composed of federal agencies including representatives from NOP, AMS, APHIS, and CBP to discuss the federal perspective and tools used in relation to imports of agricultural products. The NOP also provided suggestions on areas of work. The NOP is convening a panel at the Spring 2018 NOSB meeting with representatives from certification agencies and industry representatives to provide testimony on import oversight.



https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/Program%20Handbk_TOC.pdf

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/AllNOSBproposalsApril2018.pdf>

Imports & Uncertified Handlers

Certifiers

- * Accredited Certifiers Association (ACA)
- * ACA Traceability Working Group
- * Best Practices for Verifying Traceability in the Supply Chain

Industry

- * Organic Trade Association (OTA)
- * Global Organic Supply Chain Integrity Task Force
- * Development of a Best Practices Guide

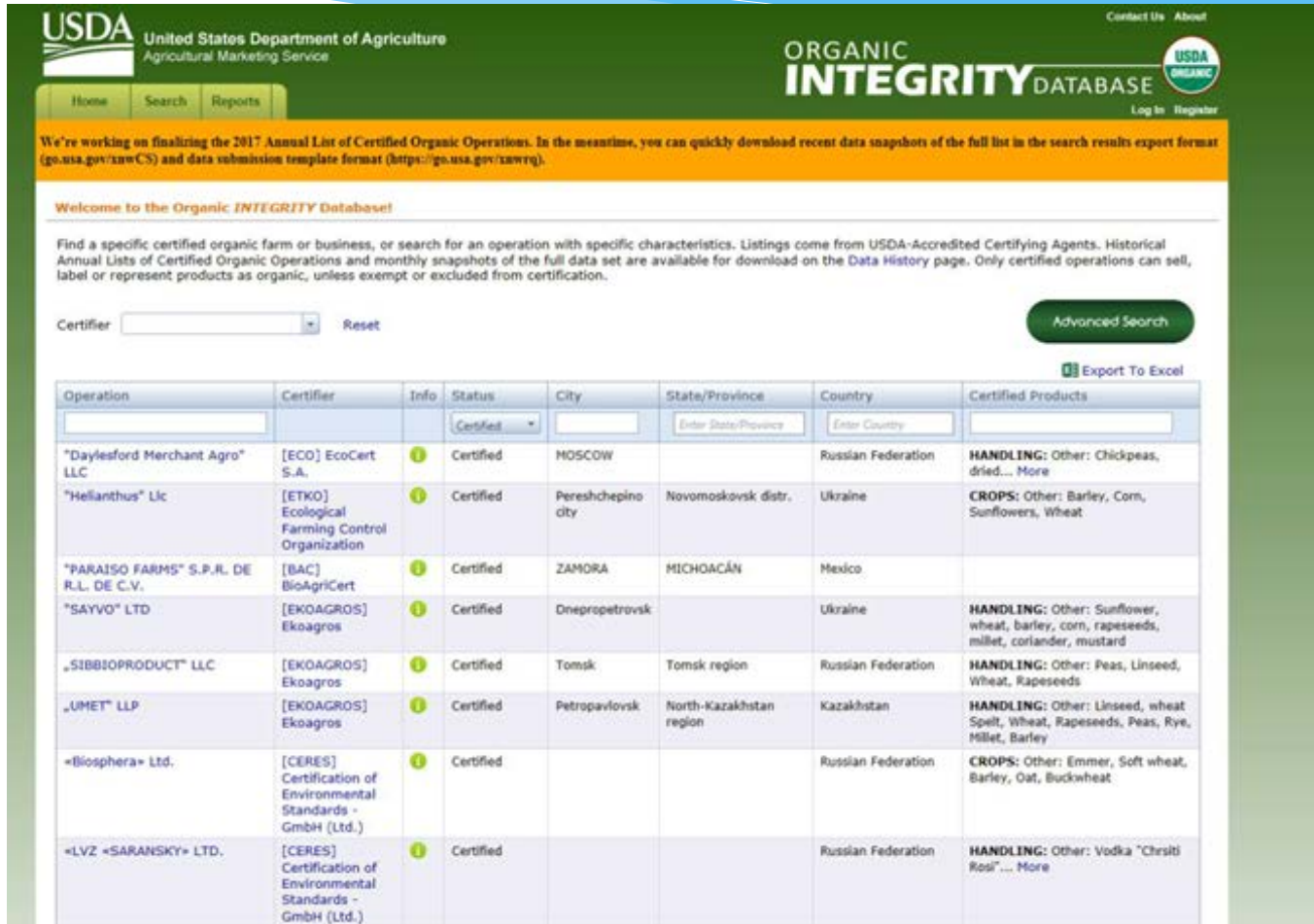


Resources

- * National Standards Program Sites
- * Certifying Agents
- * Verify Organic Certificates
 - * Organic Integrity Database
 - * Certifying Agents



USDA NOP Organic Integrity Database



USDA United States Department of Agriculture
Agricultural Marketing Service

ORGANIC INTEGRITY DATABASE

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We're working on finalizing the 2017 Annual List of Certified Organic Operations. In the meantime, you can quickly download recent data snapshots of the full list in the search results export format (go.usa.gov/zawrCS) and data submission template format (<https://go.usa.gov/zawrq>).

Welcome to the Organic **INTEGRITY** Database!

Find a specific certified organic farm or business, or search for an operation with specific characteristics. Listings come from USDA-Accredited Certifying Agents. Historical Annual Lists of Certified Organic Operations and monthly snapshots of the full data set are available for download on the [Data History](#) page. Only certified operations can sell, label or represent products as organic, unless exempt or excluded from certification.

Certifier Reset Advanced Search

[Export To Excel](#)

Operation	Certifier	Info	Status	City	State/Province	Country	Certified Products
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Daylesford Merchant Agro LLC	[ECO] EcoCert S.A.	1	Certified	MOSCOW		Russian Federation	HANDLING: Other: Chickpeas, dried... More
Helianthus Lic	[ETKO] Ecological Farming Control Organization	1	Certified	Pereshchepino city	Novomoskovsk distr.	Ukraine	CROPS: Other: Barley, Corn, Sunflowers, Wheat
PARAISO FARMS S.P.R.L. DE R.L. DE C.V.	[BAC] BioAgriCert	1	Certified	ZAMORA	MICHOACÁN	Mexico	
SAYVO LTD	[EKOAGROS] Ekoagros	1	Certified	Dnepropetrovsk		Ukraine	HANDLING: Other: Sunflower, wheat, barley, corn, rapeseeds, millet, coriander, mustard
„SIBBIOPRODUCT“ LLC	[EKOAGROS] Ekoagros	1	Certified	Tomsk	Tomsk region	Russian Federation	HANDLING: Other: Peas, Linseed, Wheat, Rapeseeds
„UMET“ LLP	[EKOAGROS] Ekoagros	1	Certified	Petropavlovsk	North-Kazakhstan region	Kazakhstan	HANDLING: Other: Linseed, wheat Spelt, Wheat, Rapeseeds, Peas, Rye, Millet, Barley
«Biosphera» Ltd.	[CERES] Certification of Environmental Standards - GmbH (Ltd.)	1	Certified			Russian Federation	CROPS: Other: Emmer, Soft wheat, Barley, Oat, Buckwheat
«LVZ «SARANSKY» LTD.	[CERES] Certification of Environmental Standards - GmbH (Ltd.)	1	Certified			Russian Federation	HANDLING: Other: Vodka "Chrsti Rosi"... More



<https://organic.ams.usda.gov/Integrity/>


Organic Integrity Database Spice Related Entries

As of April 5, 2018

- * Spices: 1052
- * Vanilla: 749
- * Turmeric: 655
- * Ginger: 1362
- * Saffron: 56
- * Oregano: 750



Fraudulent Organic Certificates



USDA United States Department of Agriculture
Agricultural Marketing Service

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Enforcement Activity

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Organic Enforcement
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File an Organic Complaint
Appealing an Adverse Action
Fraudulent Organic Certificates
State Organic Programs
PACA Enforcement

Fraudulent Organic Certificates

Falsely representing products as certified USDA organic violates the law and federal organic regulations. Using fraudulent documents to market, label, or sell non-organic agricultural products as organic is punishable by fines of up to \$11,000 for each violation.

Certifying agents and organic operations should continue to guard against these practices and practice caution when purchasing products from suppliers. Anyone suspecting a violation of the regulations can report a complaint to the NOP Compliance and Enforcement Division.

Fraudulent certificates may have been created and used without the knowledge of the operator or the certifying agent named in a certificate. The posting of fraudulent certificates does not necessarily mean that the named operator or certifying agent was involved in illegal activity. If an operation named in a fraudulent certificate is certified, its certifying agent identified in the list of certified operations can provide additional information and verifications to the organic trade.

Reported Fraudulent Organic Certificates

The NOP has compiled a list of information about fraudulent certificates that have been publicly announced into an easy-to-search spreadsheet. You can view PDF versions of the certificates by clicking on the operation names.

[Download Fraudulent Certificate List \(xls\)](#)

[View the Organic Program Handbook](#)

[Road to Organic Certification](#)

[Organic Cost Share Programs](#)

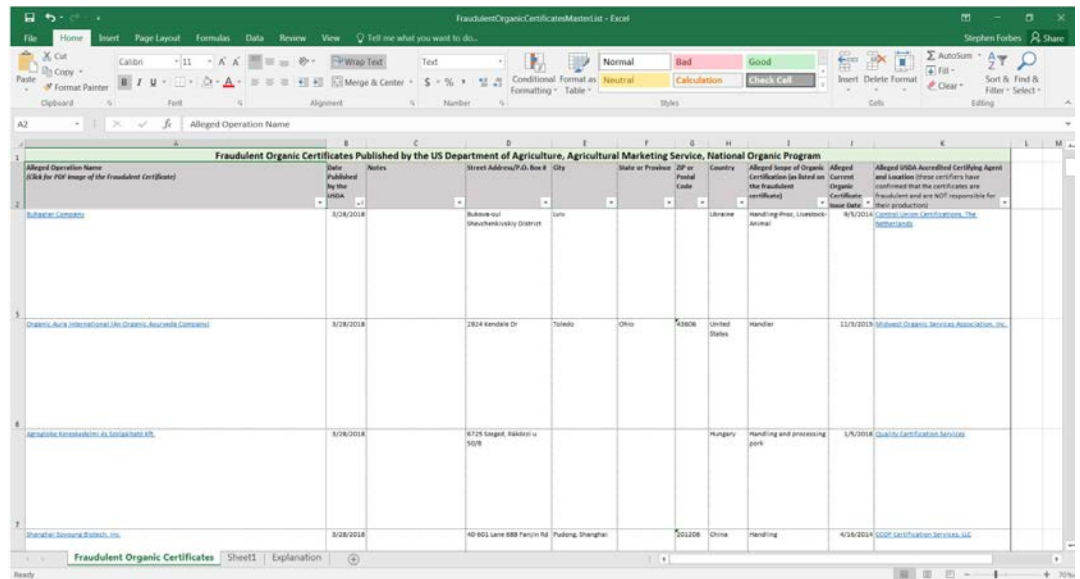
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Alleged Operation Name (Click for PDF image of the fraudulent certificate)	Date Published by the USDA	Notes	Street Address/P.O. Box #	City	State or Province	ZIP or Postal Code	Country	Alleged Source of Organic Certifications (as listed on the fraudulent certificate)	Alleged Current Organic Certificate Issue Date	Alleged USDA Accredited Certifying Agent and Location (these certificates have been confirmed that the certificates are fraudulent and are NOT responsible for other productions)
Subsidiary Company	8/28/2018		Subsidiary Shevchenko District	Ukraine			Ukraine	Handling/Proc. Livestock Animal	8/1/2014	Certification Services, The Netherlands
Organic Aurora International Life Organic Accredited Company	8/28/2018		2824 Kendra Dr	Toronto	Ontario	M8Z 6K6	United States	Handling	11/1/2013	Organic Services Association, Inc.
Agricola Kereskedelmi és Szolgáltató Kft.	8/28/2018		4725 Sargent, Budapest 107				Hungary	Handling and processing pork	1/1/2014	Quality Certification Services
Shanghai Jintan Food Co., Ltd.	8/28/2018		40-800 Lane 888 Fuyuan Rd	Pudong, Shanghai		201208	China	Handling	1/1/2014	COOP Certification Services, LLC



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Fraudulent Organic Certificates

- * Fraudulent Certificates

- * 2018: 11 (January-March)

- * 2017: 41

- * Fraudulent Certificates
Mentioning a Spice

- * 2018: 5 out of 11



Fraudulent Organic Certificate

 **Quality Certification Services**
for the global organic marketplace

Quality Certification Services
hereby certifies that
Societe Aparma Sarl
B.P. 11457 Yaounde, Cameroon
Hamsch Family Vineyard, LLC dba Loving Cacao
3130 Sutherland Rd. North Garden, VA 22959
meets the strict standards to be

CERTIFIED ORGANIC
under the US National Organic Program 7 CFR Part 205
QCS Entity ID: 1304GT
Effective Date: 2/22/2015
Date of Last Inspection: 2/9/2016
Anniversary Date: 2/21/2017

 Scope: Production and Supply of Cocoa and Coffee Powder
Parcel Location(s): See Product Verification Form
Certified Product(s): See Product Verification Form


Issue Date: 03/07/2016
Ramkrishnan, Chief Operating Officer

Quality Certification Services, a USDA National Organic Program and ISO-65 compliant certification program, has determined, based on a review of the above named entity's application and records, and inspection of its fields, facilities and processes, that the above named entity meets or exceeds the appropriate and applicable standards of organic production, handling, and processing. In displaying this certificate, the Certified Entity warrants that it is in, and will remain in, full compliance with the organic standards set by the USDA National Organic Program. Once certified, a production or handling operation's organic certification continues in effect until surrendered, suspended or revoked.

PO Box 12311 Gainesville FL 32604 USA – 352 377 0133 – Fax 352 377 8363 – www.qcsinfo.org

ATTENTION; at the time of posting, Hamsch Family Vineyard, LLC, is certified by Quality Certification Services (QCS) and is an operation in good standing. Hamsch Family Vineyard, LLC is not responsible for the alteration of this certificate. **Societe Aparma Sarl is not a certified organic operation.** Please see the USDA's Organic Integrity Database at <https://organic.com.ams.gov/integrity>.

FRAUDULENT



USDA NOP Organic Enforcement

- * Organic Enforcement
 - * File an Organic complaint
 - * Fraudulent Organic Certificates



The screenshot shows the USDA NOP Organic Enforcement webpage. The header includes the USDA logo, the text "United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service", and a search bar. Below the header is a navigation menu with links: Market News, Rules & Regulations, Grades & Standards, Services, Resources, and Selling Food to USDA. The main content area is titled "Organic Enforcement" and contains a sidebar with "Enforcement Activity" links (Overview, Organic Enforcement, Joint Organic Compliance Committee, File an Organic Complaint, Appealing an Adverse Action, Fraudulent Organic Certificates, State Organic Programs, PACA Enforcement). The main text describes the enforcement process, stating that it is a vital part of the global organic control system and that the USDA organic seal is a public-private partnership. It also mentions that AMS and organic certifiers protect consumers by protecting the integrity of the USDA organic seal. A "News & Announcements" section on the right lists recent updates, including "03/12 USDA Decides Not to Impose Additional Regulatory Requirements for Organic Producers and Handlers" and "01/31 USDA Launches MARS, Delivering Market Data to Agricultural Producers Around the Globe Faster and Easier".

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Organic Enforcement

Enforcement is a vital part of the global organic control system. By law, organic certification and enforcement in the United States is a public-private partnership. The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) National Organic Program (NOP) accredits and oversees 80+ organizations, called certifiers. Certifiers verify and document the claims of more than 37,000 organic farms and businesses around the world.

Together, AMS and organic certifiers protect consumers by protecting the integrity of the USDA organic seal. This partnership creates a level playing field and a fair marketplace for farmers, ranchers, and food handlers. Our goal is to make sure all organic businesses are complying with the rules, and to remove the organic certification of those that will not or cannot comply.

Enforcement by Organic Certifiers

Certifiers enforce the USDA organic regulations by:

- Inspecting every certified organic farm and business at least annually
- Conducting unannounced and compliance inspections
- Collecting samples to analyze for pesticides and other prohibited substances
- Investigating alleged violations on behalf of USDA
- Issuing noncompliances notices to operations when violations are found
- Entering into settlement agreements with

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Organic Cost Share Programs

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Organic Import and Export Verification

USDA's International Trade Arrangements

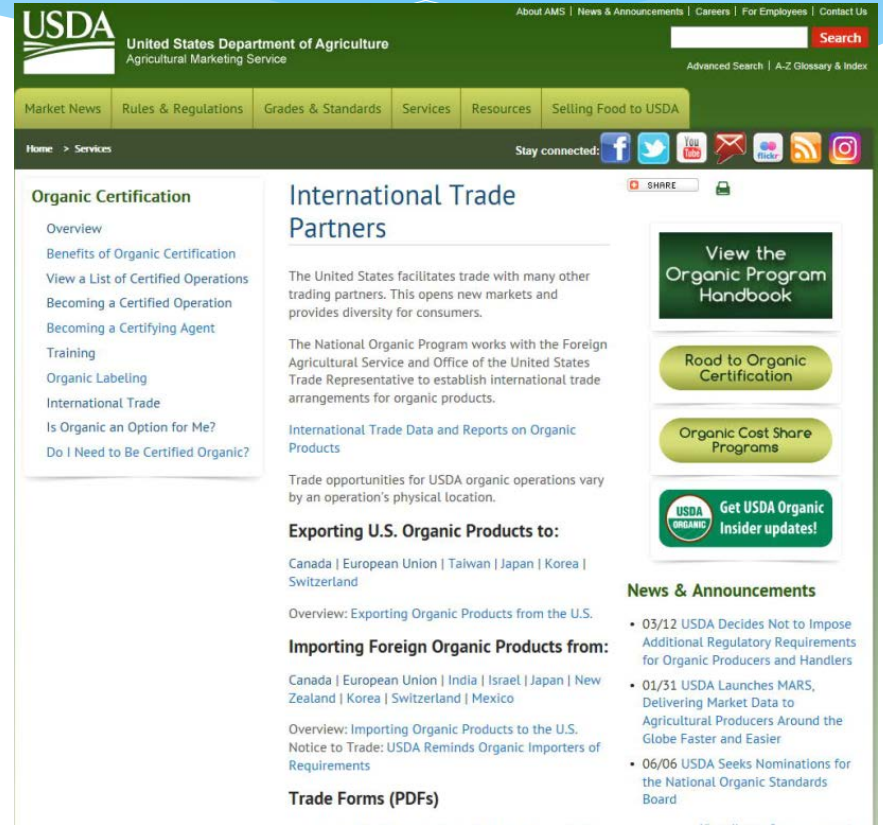


1. Equivalency Arrangement (import/export)
 - Canada, EU, Japan, Korea, Switzerland
2. Recognition Agreement (import only)
 - India, Israel, New Zealand
3. Export Arrangement (export only)
 - Taiwan
4. Terms of Reference (import/export)
 - U.S. - Mexico Joint Organic Compliance Committee



International Trade Information

- * USDA NOP has information online about the trade agreements
- * All arrangements require a type of Transaction Certificate
 - * Except Canada



The screenshot shows the USDA Organic Certification International Trade Partners page. The header includes the USDA logo, the text "United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service", and a search bar. Navigation tabs include Market News, Rules & Regulations, Grades & Standards, Services, Resources, and Selling Food to USDA. The main content area is titled "International Trade Partners" and includes sections for "Organic Certification" (with links to Overview, Benefits of Organic Certification, View a List of Certified Operations, Becoming a Certified Operation, Becoming a Certifying Agent, Training, Organic Labeling, International Trade, Is Organic an Option for Me?, and Do I Need to Be Certified Organic?), "International Trade Partners" (with text about trade opportunities and links to International Trade Data and Reports on Organic Products), "Exporting U.S. Organic Products to:" (listing Canada, European Union, Taiwan, Japan, Korea, and Switzerland), "Importing Foreign Organic Products from:" (listing Canada, European Union, India, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Korea, Switzerland, and Mexico), and "Trade Forms (PDFs)". A sidebar on the right contains links to "View the Organic Program Handbook", "Road to Organic Certification", "Organic Cost Share Programs", and "Get USDA Organic Insider updates!". A "News & Announcements" section at the bottom right lists recent updates.



<https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/organic-certification/international-trade>

NOP Import and Export Documents

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AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
NATIONAL ORGANIC PROGRAM

NOP IMPORT CERTIFICATE

A knowingly false entry or false alteration of any entry on this certificate may result in a fine of not more than \$11,000 or imprisonment for not more than five years or both (18 USC 1001).

1. CERTIFIED TO ORGANIC STANDARDS

2. CITY AND STATE OF PRODUCT DESTINATION

3. DATE

4. IMPORT CERTIFICATE NUMBER

5. EXPORTED BY (NAME AND ADDRESS)

6. PRODUCT EXPORTED FROM

7. RECIPIENT IN THE U.S. (NAME AND ADDRESS)

8. CERTIFYING BODY ISSUING CERTIFICATE (NAME AND ADDRESS)

9. TOTAL NET WEIGHT

10. TOTAL CONTAINERS

11. PRODUCT AS LABELED	12. HARMONIZED TARIFF CODE AS APPLICABLE	13. SHIPPING IDENTIFICATION	14. FINAL HANDLER	15. CERTIFYING BODY OF FINAL HANDLER

16. REMARKS AND ATTESTATIONS

17. SIGNATURE OF CERTIFYING BODY

18. DATE

No financial liability shall attach to the United States Department of Agriculture or to any officer or representative of the Department with respect to this certificate.

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COUNTRY OF DESTINATION

DATE

CERT. NO.

EXPORTED BY (Name and address including ZIP Code)

PRODUCT EXPORTED FROM

CONSIGNEE TO (Name and address including ZIP Code)

CERTIFYING AGENT ISSUING CERTIFICATE

TOTAL MARKED NET WEIGHT

TOTAL CONTAINERS

PRODUCT AS LABELED	LOT NUMBER 1/	MARKED WEIGHT OF LOT 1/	NUMBER OF PACKAGES IN LOT 1/	SHIPPING MARKS	PRODUCER

5/ As stated by exporter

REMARKS

I CERTIFY that the agricultural products specified hereon have been certified by a USDA accredited organic certifying agent and have been found to meet all applicable requirements of the National Organic Program.

SIGNATURE OF ACCREDITED CERTIFYING AGENT

DATE

NOT VALID UNLESS SIGNED BY A DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE OF A USDA ACCREDITED ORGANIC CERTIFYING AGENT

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EU Trade Control & Expert System (TRACES)

Certificate of Inspection (COI)

Certificate of Inspection for import of products from Organic production into the European Union

1. Issuing control body or authority (name, address and code)	2. Council Regulation No 834/2007, Article 33 (2) <input type="checkbox"/> or Council Regulation No 834/2007, Article 33 (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>										
3. Serial number of the certificate of inspection 	4. Exporter (name and address)										
5. Producer or processor of the product (name and address)	6. Control body or control authority (name, address and code)										
7. Country of origin	8. Country of export										
9. Country of clearance/Point of entry	10. Country of destination										
11. Importer (name, address and EORI number)	12. First consignee in the Union (name and address)										
13. Description of products <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>CN code</th> <th>Trade name</th> <th>Number of packages</th> <th>Lot number</th> <th>Net weight</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="5"> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		CN code	Trade name	Number of packages	Lot number	Net weight					
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Certificate of Inspection for import of products from Organic production into the European Union

14. Container number	15. Seal number	16. Total gross weight
17. Means of transport before point of entry into the Union		
18. Declaration of control authority or control body issuing the certificate referred to in box 1 <p>This is to certify that this certificate has been issued on the basis of the checks required under Article 13(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 and that the products designated above have been obtained in accordance with rules of production and inspection of the organic production method which are considered equivalent in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007.</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>Name and signature of authorised person _____ Stamp of issuing authority or body _____</p>		
19. Customs information <p>Customs warehousing <input type="checkbox"/> Inward processing <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Customs operator _____</p> <p>Control body or control authority (name, address and code) _____</p> <p>Customs Declaration Reference Number for customs warehousing or inward processing _____</p>		
20. Verification of the consignment and endorsement by the relevant Member State's competent authority <p>Authority and Member State: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>Name and signature of authorised person _____ Stamp _____</p>		
21. Declaration of the first consignee. <p>This is to certify that the reception of the goods has been carried out in accordance with the provisions of Article 34 of Regulation (EC) No. 889/2008.</p> <p>Name of the company: _____ Date: _____</p> <p>Name and signature of authorised person _____</p>		



Canadian Organic Regime (COR)

- * Canadian Food Inspection Agency
- * Cancelled Organic Certifications



<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/about-the-cfia/accountability/compliance-and-enforcement/organic-certification/eng/1323651699386/1323651855189>



National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP)

The screenshot displays the APEDA website with the following elements:

- Header:** APEDA logo, text in Hindi and English: "कृषि और प्रसंस्कृत खाद्य उत्पाद निर्यात विकास प्राधिकरण (बाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार) Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India)". Social media icons and a search bar are also present.
- Navigation Bar:** Corporate Info | General Info | APEDA Products | Schemes | Trade Information | Quality | WTO-SPS Secretariat | Statistics | Exporters | Agri Exchange
- Left Sidebar:**
 - APEDA PRODUCTS**
 - > FLORICULTURE & SEEDS
 - > FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
 - > PROCESSED FOODS AND VEGETABLES
 - > ANIMAL PRODUCTS
 - > CEREALS
 - > ORGANIC PRODUCTS
 - > APEDA PRODUCT CATALOGUE
 - ONLINE SERVICES**
 - I-TRACK SYSTEM**
 - > REGISTER AS MEMBER
 - > EXPORTER'S LOGIN
 - > APEDA'S INTERNAL USER
 - TRACEABILITY**
 - > HORTINET
 - > PEANUT.NET
 - > TRACENET
 - > MEAT.NET
 - > BASMATI.NET
 - > EXPORTER'S STATUS
 - > APEDA E-MAIL SYSTEM
- Main Content Area:**
 - NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR ORGANIC PRODUCTION (NPOP)**
 - Important announcements
 - List of committees under NPOP
 - Application Forms
 - India Organic Logo
 - Diagram:** A central diagram for the "India Organic National Programme for Organic Production". It features a central logo with a green leaf and a red sun. Surrounding the logo are boxes for: "Accredited inspection & Certification Agencies", "Certification Bodies", "Policies & Notifications", "Notification", "Revised NPOP Standards 2014", "Formats of Certificates", "Present Status", "Importers", "Exporters", "Data", and "Tariffs of Accredited inspection and Certification Agencies".
- Footer:** Home | Disclaimer | Sitemap | Public Grievances | Contact Us | Feedback

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NPOP Certificates and Transaction Certificates

Import Documentation Verification – U.S. – India Recognition Agreement



Sample organic certificate

Import Documentation Verification – U.S. – India Recognition Agreement



Sample transaction certificate



Organic Certification



The screenshot shows the USDA Organic Certification and Accreditation page. The header includes the USDA logo, the text "United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service", and navigation links like "About AMS", "News & Announcements", "Careers", "For Employees", and "Contact Us". A search bar is also present. Below the header is a navigation menu with tabs for "Market News", "Rules & Regulations", "Grades & Standards", "Services", "Resources", and "Selling Food to USDA". The "Services" tab is selected, leading to the "Organic Certification and Accreditation" page. The page layout includes a left sidebar with a "Organic Certification" section containing links like "Overview", "Benefits of Organic Certification", "View a List of Certified Operations", "Becoming a Certified Operation", "Becoming a Certifying Agent", "Training", "Organic Labeling", "International Trade", "Is Organic an Option for Me?", and "Do I Need to Be Certified Organic?". The main content area has a title "Organic Certification and Accreditation" and a "SHARE" button. It contains a paragraph about organic certification, a list of bullet points for learning more, a paragraph about organic accreditation, and another list of bullet points. On the right side, there are three green buttons: "View the Organic Program Handbook", "Road to Organic Certification", and "Organic Cost Share Programs". Below these is a "Get USDA Organic Insider updates!" button. At the bottom right, there is a "News & Announcements" section with three bullet points dated 03/12, 01/31, and 06/06. A link "View all news & announcements >" is at the bottom right of the page.

USDA United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service

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Organic Certification and Accreditation

Organic Certification allows a farm or processing facility to sell, label, and represent their products as organic. The organic brand provides consumers with more choices in the marketplace. The USDA protects consumer options by protecting the organic seal.

Any organic operation violating the USDA organic regulations faces enforcement actions, which can include financial penalties or suspension/revocation of their organic certificate.

- Learn organic certification basics
- Learn about the benefits of organic certification
- Find out if you need to be certified organic
- Learn how to become a certified organic operation
- Read about organic enforcement activities

Organic Accreditation authorizes private, foreign, or state organizations to certify farms or processing facilities. Certifying agents are accredited by the USDA and are responsible for making sure USDA organic products meet all organic standards.

- Access a list of USDA-accredited certifiers
- Find out how to become an accredited certifying agent

View the Organic Program Handbook

Road to Organic Certification

Organic Cost Share Programs

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News & Announcements

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Organic Certification



The screenshot shows the USDA Organic Certifying Agents page. The header includes the USDA logo and navigation links. The main content area is titled "Organic Certifying Agents" and contains a paragraph explaining the role of certifying agents. Below this, there is a section for "News & Announcements" with a list of recent updates. A "Recent Blogs" section is also visible. The page includes a search bar and a "Stay connected" section with social media links.

Organic Certifying Agents

Nearly 80 agents are currently authorized to certify farms and businesses to the USDA organic regulations. Most USDA-accredited certifying agents are allowed to certify farms and businesses anywhere in the world. Farmers, ranchers, and processors may choose to work with any USDA-accredited certifying agent.

To help you find a certifying agent, the Organic INTEGRITY Database (INTEGRITY) has an **Organic Certifier Locator**. The Organic Certifier Locator is updated regularly by the National Organic Program and its accredited certifying agents. As part of the database, it provides the most accurate information about accredited certifying agents.

Once you click the "Locator" button, INTEGRITY opens the "Certifier Locator" feature. There, you can use the drop down menus and search field to find one or more certifiers. You can use the navigation buttons at the bottom of the page to move through the list or export search results to an Excel spreadsheet. For questions regarding the database, click the Contact Us link shown on top right of the page; otherwise, please contact individual certifying agents for more information.

Organic Certifier Locator

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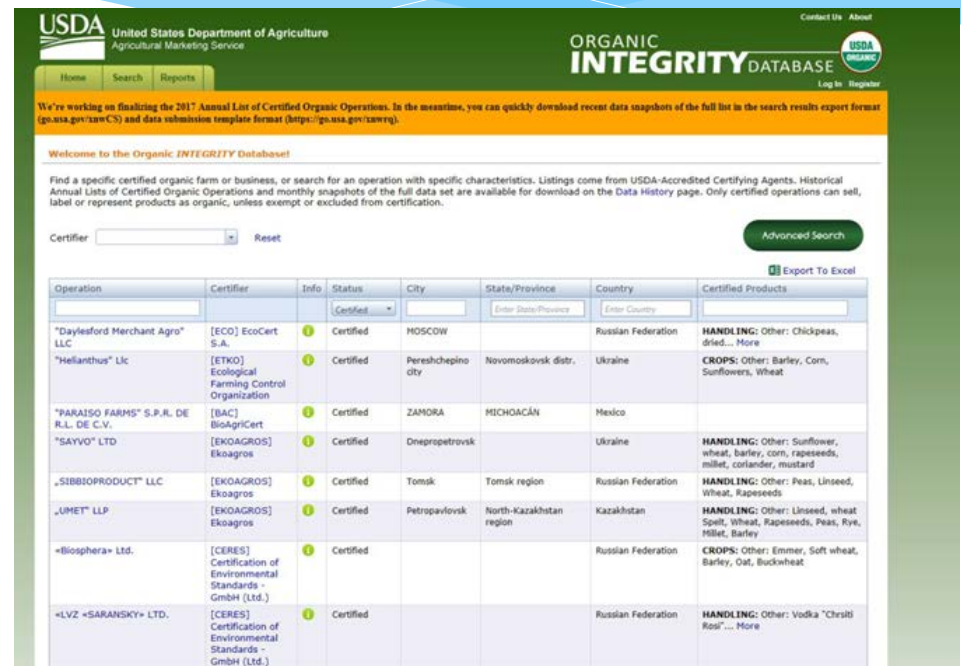
Recent Blogs

- 11/10 Veterans Returning to Civilian Life Bring Skill and Talent to Farm and Ranch
- 11/10 Growth and Opportunity in the Organic Sector
- 11/10 We All Agree – Veterans Are Part of Our National Fabric

Events

- 04/17 to 04/19 April 2018 NOSB Oral Comment Webinar Registration
- 03/28 Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Program (FMLFPP) Applicant Webinar

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/resources/organic-certifying-agents>



The screenshot shows the USDA Organic INTEGRITY Database. The header includes the USDA logo and navigation links. The main content area is titled "ORGANIC INTEGRITY DATABASE" and contains a search bar. Below the search bar, there is a table of certified organic operations. The table columns include Operation, Certifier, Info, Status, City, State/Province, Country, and Certified Products. The table lists several operations, including "Daylesford Merchant Agro" LLC, "Hellanthus" LLC, "PARAISO FARMS" S.P.R.L. DE R.L. DE C.V., "SAYVO" LTD, "SIBBIOPRODUCT" LLC, "UMET" LLP, "Biosphera" Ltd., and "LVZ +SARANSKY" LTD.

ORGANIC INTEGRITY DATABASE

We're working on finalizing the 2017 Annual List of Certified Organic Operations. In the meantime, you can quickly download recent data snapshots of the full list in the search results export format (go.ams.gov/sawCS) and data submission template format (https://go.ams.gov/sawrg).

Welcome to the Organic INTEGRITY Database!

Find a specific certified organic farm or business, or search for an operation with specific characteristics. Listings come from USDA-Accredited Certifying Agents. Historical Annual Lists of Certified Organic Operations and monthly snapshots of the full data set are available for download on the Data History page. Only certified operations can sell, label or represent products as organic, unless exempt or excluded from certification.

Certifier Reset

Advanced Search

[Export To Excel](#)

Operation	Certifier	Info	Status	City	State/Province	Country	Certified Products
"Daylesford Merchant Agro" LLC	[ECO] EcoCert S.A.	1	Certified	MOSCOW		Russian Federation	HANDLING: Other: Chickpeas, dried... More
"Hellanthus" LLC	[ETKO] Ecological Farming Control Organization	1	Certified	Pereshchepino city	Novomoskovsk distr.	Ukraine	CROPS: Other: Barley, Corn, Sunflowers, Wheat
"PARAISO FARMS" S.P.R.L. DE R.L. DE C.V.	[BAC] BioAgriCert	1	Certified	ZAMORA	MICHOACÁN	Mexico	
"SAYVO" LTD	[EKOAGROS] Ekoagros	1	Certified	Dnepropetrovsk		Ukraine	HANDLING: Other: Sunflower, wheat, barley, corn, rapeseeds, millet, coriander, mustard
"SIBBIOPRODUCT" LLC	[EKOAGROS] Ekoagros	1	Certified	Tomsk	Tomsk region	Russian Federation	HANDLING: Other: Peas, Linseed, Wheat, Rapeseeds
"UMET" LLP	[EKOAGROS] Ekoagros	1	Certified	Petrovsk	North-Kazakhstan region	Kazakhstan	HANDLING: Other: Linseed, wheat, Spelt, wheat, Rapeseeds, Peas, Rye, Millet, Barley
"Biosphera" Ltd.	[CERES] Certification of Environmental Standards - GmbH (Ltd.)	1	Certified			Russian Federation	CROPS: Other: Emmer, Soft wheat, Barley, Oat, Buckwheat
"LVZ +SARANSKY" LTD.	[CERES] Certification of Environmental Standards - GmbH (Ltd.)	1	Certified			Russian Federation	HANDLING: Other: Vodka "Chrsti Rosi" ... More

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