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Please complete this entire form to enroll in the CCOF Global Market Access Program.

- ▶ The GMA program is dependent on certification to the US National Organic Program as a base level of compliance. Operations enrolled in the CCOF GMA program will be reviewed against a variety of international standards, including EU, Canada, Japan and Quebec and granted certification or equivalence to all standards where compliance can be demonstrated. Applicable program fees apply.
- ▶ For your convenience, an E-form version of this document is available online at www.ccof.org/osp.php

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

Operation Name:	Date:
1. Requirements for international compliance are outlined in CCOF Manual III. Please review this manual (available at www.ccof.org) for information regarding these standards.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I have reviewed CCOF Manual III. Comments/Questions:
2. What foreign markets do you export to directly or indirectly (as an ingredient or through brokers/traders etc)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Japan <input type="checkbox"/> Europe <input type="checkbox"/> United Kingdom <input type="checkbox"/> Canada <input type="checkbox"/> Quebec <input type="checkbox"/> Taiwan <input type="checkbox"/> Korea <input type="checkbox"/> Israel <input type="checkbox"/> Switzerland <input type="checkbox"/> Bio-Suisse <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
3. What products or crops are exported directly or indirectly (as an ingredient or through brokers/traders etc) to these foreign markets?	<input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> Limited, please describe:
4. You must maintain a complaint file to address complaints pertaining to your organic practices	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I keep a complaint file.
5. Are you currently certified organic by another certification agency?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Certifier: _____ -Attach current certificates, recent compliance notices, letters, and a signed release of certification data.
6. All labels used for exported products or products requesting certification under the GMA program must be submitted to CCOF for approval. Are you using any additional labels for exported products other than the labels that have been approved by CCOF?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes- attach all additional labels. <i>All labels included under your certification, including private labels or contracted production, must be disclosed to CCOF prior to production. Labels produced to foreign standards may be required to be labeled "For Export Only" on master cases etc.</i>

B. PROCESSOR/HANDLER PRODUCTION COMPLIANCE

The following materials have limitations on their use under various international standards. Please see CCOF Manual III for a comprehensive list.

Do you use this material during handling/processing organic products?	Answer	Restriction
1. Describe your systems for separating and identifying ingredients and finished products that meet different organic standards so commingling errors are avoided.	<input type="checkbox"/> NA, all products meet identical standards. <input type="checkbox"/> Systems in place, please describe:	Required.
2. Are any disinfectants or sanitizers such as Hydrogen Peroxide, Ozone or Peracetic Acid used in direct contact with organic foods?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, list products:	Prohibited by EU and Canada (potentially).
3. Boiler Chemicals: Cyclohexylamine, Diethylaminoethanol, Octadecylamine (allowed by NOP for packaging sterilization).	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, list products and explain your plan to avoid the use of these materials in the production of EEC, or COR Compliant products:	Prohibited by various GMA programs.



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C. EUROPEAN UNION EEC 834/2007 & 889/2009 EQUIVALENCY

EEC standards equivalency is necessary for products, and their ingredients, shipped to EU member states or utilized in products that are later shipped to the EU. Note that some non-EU member states or certifiers may require EU standards to accept products or ingredients.

Management Practice/Concern?	Answer	Restrictions
1. Please list products seeking EU compliance or that may require EU compliance in the future.	<input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> Limited, Please list:	
2. Are all suppliers/ingredients used for products seeking EEC compliance certified to EEC standards?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, attach certificates <input type="checkbox"/> No: list products/ingredients:	Required
3. Have you reviewed CCOF Manual III to ensure processing aids, non-organic ingredients, and/or additives used comply with EEC restrictions/allowances?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, I am aware that EU restrictions may apply to materials I use. Potential concerns include:	Some materials allowed by NOP standards may not be allowed by EU.
4. Are all products produced by/processed at EEC certified locations and certified to EEC standards?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, attach certificates <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> No: list applicable products/ingredients/co-packers/locations:	Required.
5. Has any retail packaging that will be exported to the EU been submitted to CCOF for review and approval?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No: list products: <input type="checkbox"/> NA, no retail products in this category	Required "Made with Organic" claims not permitted
6. Do wholesale containers, produce boxes or accompanying documents (BOLs etc.) contain required information?	<input type="checkbox"/> NA, no non-retail containers used <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, explain:	Required (appears on mandatory accompanying export document issued by CCOF)

D. JAPAN: MAFF/USDA EXPORT ARRANGEMENT COMPLIANCE

The MAFF/USDA export arrangements allows US products/ingredients certified to NOP standards to be shipped to Japan when they are produced without the use of Alkali Extracted Humic Acid and accompanied by a TM-11 export document attesting to the crop/products compliance with this material restriction.

All ingredients in finished products shipped to Japan under this arrangement must also meet this requirement. Products/crops shipped to Japan under this agreement may have the JAS (Japanese Agricultural Standard) seal for organic products applied in Japan by a JAS certified importer or processor.

Management Practice/Concern?	Answer	Restrictions
1. Please list products seeking MAFF/USDA compliance:	<input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> Limited, Please list:	
2. Are all suppliers/ingredients used for products seeking MAFF/USDA Export Arrangement verified by the supplier's certifier as meeting material restriction under the MAFF/USDA export arrangement?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, attach certificates or affidavits demonstrating compliance <input type="checkbox"/> No: list products/ingredients:	Required. Affidavits available at www.ccof.org/forms.php for documenting compliance.
3. Do you use Lignan Sulfonate as a flotation aid?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No: list products/ingredients:	Prohibited under the MAFF/USDA Export Arrangement



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E. CANADA ORGANIC REGIME (COR) EQUIVALENCY

COR compliance or equivalency is necessary for products, and their ingredients, exported to Canada after June 30, 2009. Canadian and US authorities have signed an equivalency agreement effective June 30, 2009. Under the terms of this agreement, NOP certified raw produce shipped to Canada may not be produced from hydroponic or aeroponic methods or with Sodium (Chilean) Nitrate. Products produced to NOP standards may use the Canadian Organic Seal as long as they meet these key variances, applicable to raw produce only.

Where required, CCOF will accept affidavits from suppliers or certifier's certificates attesting that Chilean Nitrate was not used in the production of raw produce. COR Equivalency and Chilean Nitrate verification is not required for ingredients in processed products.

Note that raw and processed products covered under the NOP/COR Equivalency and sold in Canada must comply with Canada's organic label requirements. Visit www.ccof.org/canada.php or CCOF Manual III for more information.

Management Practice/Concern	Answer	Restrictions
1. Please list products seeking NOP/COR Equivalency or that are shipped to Canada or that may require COR equivalency in the future.	<input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> Limited, Please list:	
2. Do you handle raw produce which is shipped directly or indirectly to Canada?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, complete question 3 below.	
3. Are all raw produce items shipped to Canada certified to COR standards or documented to be in compliance with the NOP/COR Equivalency agreement?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, attach certificates <input type="checkbox"/> No: list products/ingredients:	Required.

F. CANADIAN ORGANIC REGIME (COR) LABELING

The following questions only apply to products sold in Canada.

Not applicable, my labels are never shipped to Canada, including by brokers or other buyers. Skip to next section.

COR Labeling	Answer	Restrictions See Manual III- Labeling.
1. Do Canadian retail labels for products composed of 70-95% organic ingredients contain the phrase "contains X% organic ingredients"?	<input type="checkbox"/> NA, no 70-95% organic products <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No explain:	Required.
2. Do Canadian retail labels include "imported" or "Product of (Country)" if the Canadian Organic Logo is used?	<input type="checkbox"/> NA, do not use the Canadian Organic Logo <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, explain:	Required in "close proximity" to logo if used.
3. If you co-pack for private label customers, is the final handler identified on the label if the private label customer is not certified?	<input type="checkbox"/> NA, do not co-pack for private labels <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, explain:	Required
4. Are all processing aids or additives that can be detected through analytical testing listed on the ingredient panel?	<input type="checkbox"/> NA, none used. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, explain:	Required
5. Are all meat, poultry and processed fruit or vegetable labels registered with CFIA?	<input type="checkbox"/> NA, no such labels used <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, explain:	Required.
6. Do all wholesale containers, produce boxes or other non-retail containers include: a) The name and address of operation responsible for production or distribution of the product. b) The name of the product. c) The organic status of the product. d) Traceability information such as a lot number or accompanying bill of lading or invoice etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> NA, no non-retail containers used <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, explain:	Required.



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G. QUEBEC (CAAQ) COMPLIANCE

Quebec requires products sold in the province to be certified by a recognized or accredited certifier and to meet labeling requirements.

Question	Answer	Restrictions
1. Please identify products seeking CAAQ compliance or that may require CAAQ compliance in the future.	<input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> Limited, Please list:	
2. Do all product labels for Quebec, including individual produce items (e.g. each PLU), identify the name of the certified operator and CCOF as the certifier?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, explain:	Required.
3. Do you produce or sell aeroponic or hydroponic organic products?	<input type="checkbox"/> No, <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, list:	Prohibited