About CCOF

Since 1973, CCOF has been advancing the organic movement and certifying operations in the United States, Mexico, and Canada. We have a long history of international market recognition and close collaboration with domestic and international government agencies to ensure your products have the best access to global markets. CCOF developed the Global Market Access (GMA) program to provide your products with the necessary review and export documents to sell your organic products around the world.

The United States and USDA Equivalencies

CCOF is your resource for organic imports and exports. Our GMA program will ensure smooth exporting of your National Organic Program (NOP) product through USDA equivalence agreements with Canada, the EU, Japan, Korea, and Switzerland.

Mexico

Our Mexico Compliance Program verifies compliance to the Organic Products Law (LPO) standards with the USDA Organic standards as a base for operations located in Mexico. This program also serves U.S.-based operations selling NOP product to Mexico, ensuring your products and labels meet Mexico’s standards. If you are exporting to the EU or Switzerland from Mexico, CCOF can certify your operation directly to the EU standard through our International Standard program.

Canada

Our Canadian Organic Regime (COR) Compliance program provides organic certification to the COR standard for operations located in Canada. CCOF’s GMA program will ensure smooth exporting of your COR products to the United States, the EU, Japan, and Switzerland. We can also assist CCOF-certified operations based in the United States and Mexico with NOP exports to Canada through the United States/Canada Organic Equivalency Arrangement.

Japan

CCOF has an inspection partnership with Australian Certified Organic (ACO Certification LTD) to provide your U.S.- or Mexico-based operation with direct Japanese Agricultural Standard (JAS) certification. This option is best for products not covered by the equivalency or for operators who are not working with a JAS-certified importer or need control of their JAS seal.

Additional International Resources

For a full list of USDA accredited certifiers working in your country, visit www.ams.usda.gov/services/organic-certification/certifying-agents.

For a full list of international equivalency arrangements and requirements, visit www.ifoam.bio/sites/default/files/equivalence-tracker/index.htm.

To find your local Foreign Agricultural Service office, visit www.fas.usda.gov.

Ready to export or have questions?

CCOF is here to work with you! Call us directly at (831) 423-2263 or email export@ccof.org.

To learn more about the organic international marketplace, visit www.ccof.org/international.