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**Organic Certification Education & Outreach Political Advocacy** 

#### INTERNATIONAL MARKET LABELING GUIDES

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Canada **European Union** Japan Korea **Switzerland** Mexico

- These guides are intended to identify unique organic labeling issues for the markets linked above, particularly where they differ from USDA National Organic Program labeling.
- Each market has unique organic labeling requirements that must be met, which are outlined in each market- specific guide.
- Various products may be subject to additional national regulations and laws regarding food labeling or other standards. CCOF strongly recommends working with your importer to ensure compliance to all food labeling requirements for the destination market.
- International seals can be downloaded at www.ccof.org/labeling
- All labels must be approved by CCOF prior to printing.

#### **CANADA LABELING GUIDE**

All organic food products sold in Canada must meet the labeling requirements of the Canadian organic standards (COR). To learn more visit www.ccof.org/canada

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Label Feature/ Ingredient Makeup	Canadian Organic Regime (COR) Requirements	
"100% Organic"	Phrase is prohibited. Products containing 100% organic ingredients may be labeled as "Organic".	
100 % Organic	Organic ingredients must be identified as organic in the ingredients list1.	
	May be labeled "Organic", "organically grown" etc². Organic ingredients must be identified as organic in	
At least 95% Organic	the ingredients list. An organic ingredient percentage statement (such as "98% organic ingredients") in addition to the term "organic" is allowed.	
Ingredients	The statement "Certified Organic" is prohibited, except when identifying the certifier (see section below).	
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"Made with organic"	Phrase is prohibited. Use of the USDA logo and COR seal are prohibited	
70-95% organic	Only allowed to state "X% organic ingredients" or "contains X% organic ingredients" <sup>3</sup> . If either statement is used, the words "organic ingredients" must be of the same size and prominence as the preceding words, numbers, signs or symbols that indicate the applicable percentage. Organic ingredients must be identified as organic in the ingredients list. Use of the USDA logo and COR seal are prohibited.	
<70% organic.	Only allowed to indicate organic ingredient(s) in the product's ingredient list. Use of the USDA logo and COR seal are prohibited. These products do not require certification.	
Certifier Identification	All labels, including PLU labels, stating "organic", "X% organic ingredients", or similar phrase, MUST identify the certifier by name or seal <sup>4</sup> . The statement "certified organic by CCOF" or similar may be used, and may be placed anywhere on the label.	
	Non-retail containers/produce boxes or accompanying documents (e.g. invoices, BOLs) must contain:	
Wholesale Containers/	a) The name and address of the certified operation	
Produce Boxes/ non-	b) The name of the product and its organic status	
retail container	c) Identify CCOF as the certifier	
	d) Traceability information, such as lot numbers, where applicable	
	When not NOP compliant, containers & shipping documents must be labeled for "export only".	
COR Seal	The <b>COR seal is optional</b> and may be used on products that are compliant or equivalent to the COR standards. The seal must be used in the specific format and colors as defined by the COR regulations <sup>5</sup> :	
WAND - AUAHAU	"The logo is displayed in either black with a white background, in black with a transparent background or in color. If displayed in color, the background is white or transparent, the outer and inner borders are green (Pantone no. 368), the maple leaf is red (Pantone no. 186) and the lettering is black."	
	All products imported into Canada using the COR Seal must include the phrase "Imported" or "Imported From (country of origin)", or "Product of (listed country of origin)" in the same visual field as the seal.	
	Parties wishing to use the logo for any use other than product labeling (i.e., in retail marketing/advertising for informational purposes), must apply for a license to do so. Requests for an application form may be sent to <a href="mailto:OPR.RPB@inspection.gc.ca">OPR.RPB@inspection.gc.ca</a>	
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 25(b), OPR

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 24(1), OPR

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 24(2), OPR

<sup>4 25(</sup>a), OPR

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 22, 23, OPR

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Label Feature/ Ingredient Makeup	Canadian Organic Regime (COR) Requirements
USDA NOP Seal	The USDA organic seal is voluntary.
Private Labels and Brands not owned by CCOF clients.	Clients certified by CCOF CS to COR standards may package private label products or receive private label certification directly. Certified private labelers are not required to identify the co-packer on the label as long as appropriate inspections verify the use of compliant packaging, COR certified co-packers, and complete record keeping/traceability.
Registration of Labels	Certain food labels <b>must</b> be registered by the CFIA Formulation and Label Registration Unit. These include labels originating from: Federally registered Canadian meat, poultry and processed fruit and vegetable establishments; Foreign meat, poultry and processed fruit and vegetable establishments.  Label registration requests are to be submitted using form CFIA 1472 accompanied by the appropriate
	number of labels and recipes. This form is available on the CFIA website: <a href="http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/for/mpppe.shtml">http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/for/mpppe.shtml</a> Consult the CFIA Fees Notice to determine whether a fee is applicable for your product. Mail completed
	registration forms to: Clerk, Label Registration Unit, Canada Food Inspection Agency, 1431 Merivale Road, Nepean, ON, K1A 0Y9
Wine Labels	Wines produced to U.S. NOP standards using Sulfur Dioxide may be labeled "organic" under COR labeling requirements. Master cases or other markings for these products must state "for export only".
	Wines may only utilize the COR seal when they are composed of 95% or more organic ingredients.

Quick guide for retail labels

Retail Products Requirements		IF YOUR PRODUCT SOLD IN CANADA IS		
Labeling Requirem	ent:	Not Certified/ Exempt	Between 70-95% organic	95% or more Organic
"Certified Organic By (CCOF name or logo)"		NO	MUST	MUST
Ingredients described as organic in ingredient panel*		MAY	MUST	MUST
Bilingual**		MUST	MUST	MUST
USDA Seal		NO	NO	MAY
Certifier's Seal		NO	MAY	MAY
COR Seal		NO	NO	MAY
If using the COR Seal, "Imported", "Imported from (Country)" or "Product of (Country)" near Seal		NO	NO	MUST
Front Panel Claims:	"Contains X% Organic Ingredients" or similar phrase***	NO	MAY	MAY
	"Organic" or similar phrase****	NO	NO	MAY
	"100% Organic"	NO	NO	NO

<sup>\*</sup>All processing aids and additives must be listed in the ingredients panel unless analytical testing can demonstrate that the additive is not present in the final product.

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<sup>\*\*</sup> Wholesale shipping containers destined to commercial or industrial enterprises or institutions are exempt from bilingual labelling provided they are not resold to consumers at retail, or offered for retail sale in the same shipping container (ex: (e.g., at a warehouse outlet)

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Includes "X% Organic Ingredients." Must be all the same size and prominence. "Made with Organic (specific ingredients)" is not allowed on products sold in Canada. Operations wishing to sell products in this labeling category must create different Domestic Salesonly and Export-only labels.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup>Includes "Organically Grown", "Organically Produced." Describing the product as "Certified Organic" is prohibited.

#### **EUROPEAN UNION LABELING GUIDE**

All organic food products sold in European Union (EU) Member States must meet the labeling requirements of the EU organic standards. To learn more visit www.ccof.org/eu

Label Feature/ Ingredient Makeup	European Union Regulation 834/2007	
"100% Organic"	<b>Phrase is prohibited.</b> Products containing 100% organic ingredients may be labeled as "Organic". Organic ingredients must be identified as organic in the ingredients list <sup>6</sup> .	
At least 95% Organic Ingredients	<b>May be labeled "Organic", "organically grown" etc</b> . Organic ingredients must be identified as organic in the ingredients list. See Seal and Certifier Identification sections below.	
"Made with organic"	<b>Phrase is prohibited.</b> Must not display USDA logo or EU seal. "Made With Organic (specified ingredients or food groups)" claims are prohibited.	
70- 95% Organic Ingredients	Identification of organic ingredients as organic is allowed and limited to ingredient panel only. If identified as organic the total percentage of organic ingredients in proportion to the total quantity of ingredients of agricultural origin <b>must</b> appear in the ingredient panel.  The reference to organic and percentage statement must appear in the same color and identical size and style of lettering as the rest of the ingredient panel <sup>7</sup> . Must not display USDA logo or EU seal	
Wholesale Containers/ Produce Boxes/ non- retail containers <sup>8</sup>	Non-retail containers/produce boxes or accompanying documents (e.g. invoices, BOLs) must contain:  a) the name and address of the certified operation b) the name of the product and its organic status c) CCOF's control number (see section below) or identify CCOF as the certifier (name or seal) d) and traceability information, such as lot numbers, where applicable When not NOP compliant, containers & shipping documents must be labeled for "export only".	
EU Organic Seal	The EU organic seal is optional and may be used on products that are compliant or equivalent to the EU standards.  The EU organic seal must be used in specific format and colors as defined by EEC 271/2010. The seal is a green (Pantone no. 376) rectangle with white stars in the shape of a leaf. Rectangle must be at least 9mm high by 13.5mm wide and maintain a height to width ratio of 1 to 1.5.  Variations, such as modified color schemes (including black and white, different shades of green, delineating borders, etc) or smaller size, may be permissible in certain situations.  All products imported into the EU using the EU Seal must indicate the source of ingredients within the same visual fields as the seal, using one of these statements:  "EU Agriculture" if the agricultural raw material has been farmed in the EU,  "Non-EU Agriculture", if part of the agricultural raw materials has been farmed in the EU and part outside the EU.  The name of a specific country may be used instead of the terms 'EU' or 'non-EU' where all agricultural raw materials have been farmed in the same country.  Operations using the EU logo are strongly advised to review the EU User Manual for the EU Logo, available at <a href="https://www.ccof.org/eu-logo">www.ccof.org/eu-logo</a> .	
USDA NOP Seal	The USDA organic seal is voluntary	
Certifier Identification	Certifier must be identified on the retail labels, either by control number, name, or seal.  If the EU organic seal is used, CCOF's control number must be in the same visual field as the seal.  CCOF's Certifier Control number varies depending on the where the product originates from:  Product from the U.S. should use US-ORG-006, from Canada CA-ORG-003, and from Mexico: MX-BIO-105.  CCOF recommends that the CCOF control number is used to identify all boxes or labels used for organic products shipped to the EU under CCOF certification.	
Wine Labels	U.S. wines using sulfur dioxide ( <100 ppm total sulfites) and meeting EU wine production requirements may be labeled "Organic" and use the EU seal when produced for export to the EU. Master cases or other markings must indicate "for export only" as these wines may not be sold as Organic in the US.  Wines produced before 8/1/12: Additional labeling restrictions may apply for organic wine exported to the EU. Contact CCOF for specifics.	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> EEC 834/2007 Article 23(4)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> EEC 834/2007 Article 23(4)

<sup>8</sup> EEC 834/2007 Article 23(4)

<sup>8</sup> EEC 889/2008 Article 31 and EEC 834/2007 Article 23

<sup>9</sup> EEC 834/2007 Article 24(1)(c) and EEC 271/2010

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All organic food products sold in Japan must meet Japanese Agricultural Standard (JAS) organic labeling requirements. To learn more visit <a href="https://www.ccof.org/japan">www.ccof.org/japan</a>.

Label Feature/ Ingredient Makeup	Japanese Agricultural Standards (JAS) Requirements	
"100% Organic"	Phrase is prohibited. Products containing 100% organic ingredients may be labeled as "Organic".	
At least 95% Organic Ingredients	May be labeled "Organic", "organically grown" etc. See Seal section below.	
"Made with organic"	<b>Phrase is prohibited.</b> Japan does not have a "made with" labeling category. Only products with 95% or more organic content may be labeled as organic in Japan.	
Wholesale Containers/ Produce Boxes/ non- retail containers	Non-retail containers/produce boxes or accompanying documents (e.g. invoices, BOLs) must contain:  a) the name and address of the certified operation b) the name of the product and its organic status c) identify CCOF as the certifier d) and traceability information, such as lot numbers, where applicable	
JAS Organic Seal	Products sold as organic in Japan are required to display the JAS seal. The JAS seal is the Japanese seal for quality and standards that applies to a variety of food laws, with a unique version for organic products.  The seal may be applied in Japan by a JAS-certified importer, exporter, or processor, or applied by foreign companies through a consignment contract with a JAS-certified importer, wherein Japan recognizes the exporter's standards as equivalent to their own. The JAS seal is unique for every JAS accredited certifier. All traded retail products' labels or stickers must state, "Certified Organic By (insert name of Japan recognized or USDA-accredited body) below the information identifying the handler or distributor of the product.  The labels "有機農産物" (which means organic plant in Japanese.), "有機栽培農産物" (which means organically grown plant in Japanese.), "有機⊙o" (which means organic oo in Japanese.), "オーガニックoo" (which means organic oo in Japanese.), etc. are stipulated. (General names of plants shall be filled in "oo.")	
USDA NOP Seal	The USDA organic seal is voluntary. The accredited certifier must be identified on the label.	
Certifier Identification	The accredited certifier must be identified on the label, by name or seal.	
Livestock and Alcohol Products	These products are not covered under the JAS standard. These products may be sold in Japan and labeled with the word "organic" in English or Japanese, but cannot use the JAS Organic seal.	

#### U.S. Exporters can meet the JAS seal use requirements in three ways.

- 1. JAS Seal Consignment Contract with a JAS certified importer
  - Sign the Consignment Contract with your JAS certified importer to apply their JAS seal directly to your products in the United States.
  - CCOF can help you navigate the consignment contract and provide required reporting under the JAS system. Note, the JAS seal is unique to each JAS certifier. Visit <a href="https://www.ccof.org/japan">www.ccof.org/japan</a> for a process outline and necessary forms.
- 2. JAS certified importer applies the JAS seal in Japan
  - Export the product without the JAS seal and have the JAS-certified importer apply the seal once it reaches Japan, before sale.
- 3. Direct JAS certification through a JAS accredited certifier
  - CCOF has an inspection partnership with a JAS accredited certifier that can offer certification to the JAS standard directly, giving you access to your own JAS seal.
  - If you are interested in JAS certification contact export@ccof.org.
  - CCOF has observed that this option is time consuming and costly and does not recommend it.

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#### **KOREA LABELING GUIDE**

Only processed products are allowed to be exported to Korea under the equivalency agreement. All processed organic food products sold in Korea must meet the labeling requirements of the Korean organic standards. To learn more visit <a href="www.ccof.org/korea">www.ccof.org/korea</a>.

Label Feature/ Ingredient Makeup	Korean Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (MAFRA) Requirements	
"100% Organic"	Phrase is prohibited. Products containing 100% organic ingredients may be labeled as "organic".	
At least 95% Organic Ingredients	May be labeled "Organic", "organically grown" etc. See Seal section below.	
"Made with organic"	<b>Phrase is prohibited.</b> Korea does not have a "made with" labeling category. Only products with 95% or more organic content may be labeled as organic in Korea.	
Retail labels	Retail labels must include at least the following information:  a) Name, client ID, and certifier of final manufacturer, listed as "Manufactured by"  b) "Packaged in: USA"  c) Identify CCOF as the certifier  d) List your CCOF client code  e) Telephone number	
Wholesale Containers/ Produce Boxes/ non- retail containers	Non-retail containers/produce boxes or accompanying documents (e.g. invoices, BOLs) must contain:  a) The name and address of the certified operation b) The name of the product and its organic status c) Identify CCOF as the certifier d) List your CCOF client code e) Traceability information, such as lot numbers, where applicable	
Organic Seal/Logo 유기능 (ORGANIC) 농림축산식품부	Use of the <b>Korean organic seal is optional</b> for products compliant or equivalent to the Korean organic standards.  The Korean organic logo must be used in specific format and colors as defined by the MAFRA Food Code:  • The seal is a green (C80+Y100) rectangle with a white <i>taegeuk</i> shape within. The height of the logo is 0.95xW. The space between the white figure and the delimiting outer lines (left, upper, and right lines) is 0.1xW. The starting point of the <i>taegeuk</i> circle in the lower white section of the logo on the left is 0.55xW below from the upper section, and the end point if the <i>taegeuk</i> circle on the right is 0.75xW below the upper section.	
ORGANIC MAFRA KOREA	<ul> <li>The typeface is Gothic and the color for "organic" should match the logo, while "MAFRA KOREA" is white.</li> <li>Variations on color are: blue (C100+M70), red (M100+Y100+K10), and black.</li> <li>The size of the logo can change according to packaging size.</li> <li>Operations using the Korean logo are strongly advised to work with your importer to ensure compliance to the Korean labeling laws, as well as review the Korean organic labelling laws, available at <a href="https://www.ccof.org/korea">www.ccof.org/korea</a>.</li> </ul>	
USDA NOP Seal	The USDA organic seal is voluntary.	
Certifier Identification	The accredited certifier must be identified on the label, by name or seal.	
Raw or unprocessed products	Raw or unprocessed products are not allowed to be exported to Korea under the terms of this equivalence. To export these products your operation requires direct certification to the Korean standard.	

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#### **SWITZERLAND LABELING GUIDE**

All organic food products sold in Switzerland must meet the labeling requirements of the Swiss organic standards. To learn more visit www.ccof.org/switzerland

Label Feature/ Ingredient Makeup	European Union Regulation 834/2007	
"100% Organic"	<b>Phrase is prohibited.</b> Products containing 100% organic ingredients may be labeled as "organic". Organic ingredients must be identified as organic in the ingredients list <sup>10</sup> .	
At least 95% Organic Ingredients	May be labeled "Organic", "organically grown" etc. Organic ingredients must be identified as organic in the ingredients list. See Seal and Certifier Identification sections below.	
"Made with organic"	Phrase is prohibited. Must not display USDA logo or EU seal.	
70- 95% Organic Ingredients	Identification of organic ingredients as organic is limited to ingredient panel. "Made With Organic (specified ingredients or food groups)" claims are prohibited.  The total percentage of organic ingredients in proportion to the total quantity of ingredients of agricultural origin must appear in the ingredient panel. The reference to organic and percentage statement must appear in the same color and identical size and style of lettering as the rest of the ingredient panel.	
Wholesale Containers/ Produce Boxes/ non- retail containers <sup>12</sup>	Non-retail containers/produce boxes or accompanying documents (e.g. invoices, BOLs) must contain:  e) the name and address of the certified operation f) the name of the product and its organic status g) CCOF's control number (see section below) or identify CCOF as the certifier h) and traceability information, such as lot numbers, where applicable When not NOP compliant, containers & shipping documents must be labeled for "export only".	
Organic Seal Use	Switzerland does not have an official organic seal. Products sold as organic may use any seal for which they are compliant with the associated standards. It is common to use the EU seal. If the EU seal is used, you must comply with all EU labeling requirements. See the EU section of this guide.	
USDA NOP Seal	The USDA organic seal is voluntary	
Certifier Identification	CCOF's control number must be indicated on all labels. CCOF's Certifier Control number varies depending on the where the product originates from:  Product from the U.S. should use US-ORG-006, from Canada CA-ORG-003, and from Mexico: MX-BIO-105.	
Wine Labels	U.S. wines using sulfur dioxide ( <100 ppm total sulfites) and meeting Swiss wine production requirements may be labeled "Organic" when exported to Switzerland. Master cases or other markings must indicate "for export only" as these wines may not be sold as Organic in the US.  Wines produced before 8/1/12: Additional labeling restrictions may apply for organic wine exported to Switzerland. Contact CCOF for specifics.	

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> EEC 834/2007 Article 23(4)

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<sup>12</sup> EEC 889/2008 Article 31 and EEC 834/2007 Article 23 *GMA20, V1, R12, 1/3/18* 

### GUÍA DE ETIQUETADO PARA PRODUCTOS VENDIDOS COMO ORGÁNICOS EN MÉXICO GUIDE TO LABELING PRODUCTS SOLD AS ORGANIC IN MEXICO

Todos los productos alimentarios que se venden como orgánicos en México y que se exportan deben cumplir con los requisitos de etiquetado de los estándares orgánicos mexicanos, 13 que se detallan en está guía. Los requisitos de etiquetado para México son similares a las normas NOP, excepto como se describe a continuación. Todas las etiquetas deben ser aprobadas por CCOF antes de la impresión.

All food products sold as organic in Mexico or exported must meet the labeling requirements of the Mexican organic standards, 14 detailed in this guide. The labeling requirements for Mexico are similar to NOP standards, except where noted below. All labels must be approved by CCOF prior to printing.

Tipo de Etiqueta/ Característica	Requisitos Orgánicos Mexicanos para Etiquetado
Label Type/Feature	Mexico Organic Labeling Requirements
Envases de mayoreo /Cajas de	Envases de mayoreo y/o cajas de cultivos o documentos de acompañamiento (ej. Facturas,
Cultivos/Envases no para venta al	BOLs) deben de contener:
menudeo. <sup>15</sup>	a) Nombre y dirección de la empresa y (si es diferente) del propietario/vendedor del
	producto,
	b) Nombre del producto y su estatus orgánico,     c) Nombre del certificador,
	d) Número de lote, si procede.
	a) Numero de lote, si procede.
Wholesale Containers/ Produce	Non-retail containers/produce boxes or accompanying documents (e.g. invoices, BOLs) must
Boxes/Non-Retail Containers <sup>16</sup>	contain:
	a) Name and address of operation and (if different) of the owner/seller of product,
	b) Name of product and its organic status,
	c) Name of certifier,
	Lot number, if applicable.
Declaración de Libre de OMG <sup>17</sup>	Etiquetas por menor deben incluir una declaración de que el producto está libre de organismos
CMO Funa Statemant 18	modificados genéticamente.
GMO-Free Statement <sup>18</sup> Números de Identificación <sup>19</sup>	Retail labels must include a statement that the product is free of genetically modified organisms.
Numeros de identificación.	Etiquetas por menor deben incluir los números de identificación de:  a) La empresa (el Código de Cliente que se encuentra en el certificado y Perfil de Cliente
	emitido por CCOF) y
	b) CCOF (el código de aprobación emitido a CCOF por SAGARPA: <b>SENASICA-OCO-14-</b>
	009).
	c) Numero de certificado.
	d)
Identification Numbers <sup>20</sup>	Retail labels must include the identification numbers of:
	a) The operation (the Client Code found on the certificate and Client Profile issued by
	CCOF).
	b) CCOF (the approval code issued to CCOF by SAGARPA: <b>SENASICA-OCO-14-009</b> ).
1.4.1.1.1	c) Certificate number.
Lista de Ingredientes <sup>21</sup> Ingredient list <sup>22</sup>	Etiquetas por menor deben desplegar una lista de ingredientes.
Nombre del Certificador <sup>23</sup>	Retail labels must display an ingredient list.
Nombre dei Certificador-	En las etiquetas de venta al menudeo, la frase "Certificado Orgánico por [nombre de la agencia de certificación]" o una frase similar debe aparecer en la parte inferior de la etiqueta, antes del
	nombre y la dirección del manejador del producto final.
	nombro y la allección del manejador del producto Ilital.
Certifier Name <sup>24</sup>	On retail labels, the phrase "Certified Organic by [name of certification agency]" or a similar
	phrase must appear on the lower part of the label, before the name and address of the handler
	of the finished product.

<sup>13</sup> Lineamientos para la Operación Orgánica (LOO); Reglas Generales de Uso del Distintivo Nacional, DN)

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<sup>14</sup> Guidelines for Organic Operation (LOO); General Rules of Use for the National Seal (DN)

<sup>15</sup> LOO Artículos 191; 198

<sup>16</sup> LOO Articles 191: 198

<sup>17</sup> LOO Articulo 201

<sup>18</sup> LOO Article 201

<sup>19</sup> LOO Articulo 201

<sup>20</sup> LOO Article 201

<sup>21</sup> LOO Articulo 204

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#### Tipo de Etiqueta/ Característica Label Type/Feature

#### Sello orgánico<sup>25</sup>

Sello orgánico de SAGARPA México:



#### Organic Seal/Logo<sup>27</sup>

SAGARPA Mexico Organic Seal:



## Requisitos Orgánicos Mexicanos para Etiquetado

Mexico Organic Labeling Requirements

**Opcional.** Al recibir aprobación de CCOF, <sup>26</sup> el sello orgánico SAGARPA México puede ser utilizado por las empresas certificadas por CCOF en los productos producidos en México y verificados como compatibles con el Programa de Cumplimiento de México de CCOF. Cuando se usan, las siguientes disposiciones se deben cumplir:

- a) El sello debe ser utilizado en el formato y los colores específicos definidos en los artículos 3 a 9 del Acuerdo por el que se da a conocer el distintivo nacional de los productos orgánicos y se establecen las reglas generales para su uso en el etiquetado de los productos certificados como orgánicos, disponible en <a href="https://www.ccof.org/mexico">www.ccof.org/mexico</a>.
- El sello debe ser colocado en la parte frontal o lateral del envase, seguido por la declaración "Certificado Orgánico por [nombre de la agencia de certificación]."
- Si se utilizan otros sellos orgánicos nacionales o privados, no puede ser más grande que el sello orgánico SAGARPA México.

Empresas utilizando el Sello Orgánico SAGARPA México se recomienda encarecidamente a revisar el Acuerdo por el que se da a conocer el distintivo nacional de los productos orgánicos y se establecen las reglas generales para su uso en el etiquetado de los productos certificados como orgánicos, disponible en www.ccof.org/mexico.

**Optional.** Upon approval from CCOF,<sup>28</sup> the SAGARPA Mexico Organic seal may be used by CCOF certified operations on products produced in Mexico and verified as compliant with the CCOF Mexico Compliance Program.

When used, the following provisions must be met:

- a) The seal must be used in specific format and colors as defined in Articles 3-9 of the Agreement which discloses the national seal of organic products and the general rules are established for use in the labeling of products certified as organic, available at www.ccof.org/mexico.
- b) The seal must be placed on the front or side of the package, followed by the statement "Certified Organic by [name of certification agency]."
- c) If other national or private organic seals/logos are used, they may not be larger than the SAGARPA Mexico Organic seal.

Operations using the SAGARPA Mexico Organic Seal are strongly advised to review the Agreement which discloses the national seal of organic products and the general rules are established for use in the labeling of products certified as organic, available at <a href="https://www.ccof.org/mexico">www.ccof.org/mexico</a>.

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