

Recertification Training - Inspectors

The CCOF Mexico Compliance Program includes direct certification to the LPO standards and recertification to the LPO standards. Recertification is an allowance in the LPO regulations where a certifier reviews foreign certified products for compliance with LPO. The result is an LPO certificate issued to the operation for a certain lot or volume of product.

To be directly certified to the LPO standards, all suppliers must be LPO certified. Operations in Mexico must use LPO certified suppliers. Operations in the United States may request recertification of their products if their suppliers are not LPO certified. CCOF offers recertification only to CCOF certified handling operations in the United States. Other certifiers may offer recertification for foreign products certified products, but the CCOF recertification program does not cover this.

Operations will request recertification on the updated Mexico Compliance Program Application. This application will be reviewed by a reviewer along with a MCP Recertification Review Checklist. Each subsequent year, they will request recertification at their annual inspection. The MCP inspection checklist includes a question "Is this operation requesting recertification of their products for export to Mexico?". If you select "yes", additional questions will appear. In addition to the other compliance points in the MCP checklist, inspectors comment on the following:

1. All conditions and noncompliances have been resolved. This includes action items issued under the NOP or MCP service.
2. Supply Chain
 - a. Suppliers and copackers in Mexico are certified to LPO.
 - b. Suppliers and copackers in the US are certified to LPO, NOP, COR, EU, or JAS standards.
3. Volume of Product Recertified – The volume of product to be recertified is entered in the Service Specific Data tab as the production estimate. This number is important and must be collected every year. Enter the product name in bilingual format Spanish / English. Enter data for every product that is approved for MCP on the IWO. If new products are planned, collect the production estimate and note the new product in the comments.