

National Organic Program Handbook: Guidance and Instructions for Accredited Certifying Agents and Certified Operations

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Manual del Programa Nacional Orgánico (NOP Handbook in Spanish)		9/16/2015
Introduction	1100	3/20/2024
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Section A. Standards	Document	Date
Processed Animal Manure in Organic Crop Production	NOP 5006	7/22/2011
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Approval of Liquid Fertilizers for Use in Organic Production	NOP 5012	7/22/2011
Certification of Organic Yeast	NOP 5014	7/22/2011
Guidance: Natural Resources and Biodiversity Conservation Response to Comments	NOP 5020	1/15/2016
Compost and Vermicompost in Organic Crop Production Response to Comments	NOP 5021	7/22/2011
Wild Crop Harvesting Response to Comments	NOP 5022	7/22/2011
Guidance: Substances Used in Post-Harvest Handling of Organic Products Response to Comments	NOP 5023	1/15/2016
Commingling and Contamination Prevention in Organic Production and Handling Response to Comments	NOP 5025	7/22/2011
The Use of Chlorine Materials in Organic Production & Handling Response to Comments	NOP 5026	3/20/2024
The Use of Kelp in Organic Livestock Feed Response to Comments	NOP 5027, NOP 5027-1	2/28/2013
Seeds, Annual Seedlings, and Planting Stock in Organic Crop Production Response to Comments	NOP 5029, NOP 5029-1	2/28/2013
Evaluating Allowed Ingredients and Sources of Vitamins and Minerals For Organic Livestock Feed Response to Comments	NOP 5030, NOP 5030-1	2/28/2013
Products in the “Made With Organic ***” Labeling Category Response to Comments “Made With” Organic Labeling Examples	NOP 5032, NOP 5032-1	5/2/2014

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Classification of Materials Decision Tree for Classification of Materials as Synthetic or Non-Synthetic Decision Tree for Classification of Agricultural and Non-Agricultural Materials for Organic Livestock Production or Handling Response to Comments	NOP 5033, NOP 5033-1, NOP 5033-2 NOP 5033-3	12/2/2016
Materials for Organic Crop Production Materials for Organic Crop Production Appendix of Prohibited Materials for Organic Crop Production Response to Comments	NOP 5034, NOP 5034-1, NOP 5034-2 NOP 5034-3	12/2/2016

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Laboratory Selection Criteria for Pesticide Residue Testing	NOP 2611	11/8/2012
Prohibited Pesticides for NOP Residue Testing	NOP 2611-1	7/22/2011
Responding to Results from Pesticide Residue Testing Response to Comments	NOP 2613, NOP 2613-1	3/20/2024
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Organic System Plans, Organic System Plan Updates, and Notification of Changes	NOP 2615	3/20/2024
Organic Certification of Industrial Hemp Production	NOP 2040	11/26/2019

Section C. Accreditation	Document	Date
Procedure – Peer Review of National Organic Program (NOP) Accreditation	NOP 1031	5/12/2016
General Accreditation Policies and Procedures	NOP 2000	3/20/2024

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Certification File Review Checklist, Supplement for Grower Groups	NOP 2005-3	5/15/2013
Witness Audit Checklist for Grower Groups	NOP 2005-5	8/25/2014
Separation of Duties in Certification Decisions	NOP 2006	4/7/2014
Information Submission Requirements for Certifying Agents	NOP 2024	3/20/2024
Annual Report Checklist (MS Word version)	NOP 2024-1	3/20/2024
Internal Program Review Requirements	NOP 2025	3/20/2024
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Auditor Criteria	NOP 2500	5/22/2017
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Section F. Appeals	Document	Date
Adverse Action Appeal Process	NOP 4011	3/20/2024

Section G. Policy Memos	Document	Date
Accredited Certifying Agent Inspection Authority	PM 10-1	6/25/2010
Sulfur Dioxide in Wine "Made With" Organic Fruit	PM 10-2	10/31/2011
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Section G. Policy Memos	Document	Date
<u>Certification of Agricultural Products that Meet NOP Standards</u>	PM 11-2	10/31/2011
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<u>Reporting Health and Safety Violations</u>	PM 11-6	10/31/2011
<u>Private Label Certification</u>	PM 11-7	10/31/2011
<u>California State Organic Program, Additional Requirements Granted</u>	PM 11-8	6/9/2020
<u>Grower Group Certification</u>	PM 11-10	10/31/2011
<u>NOP Statements: Cloning and Organic Livestock Production</u>	PM 11-11	10/31/2011
<u>Confinement of Poultry Flocks</u>	PM 11-12	4/3/2017
<u>Clarification of Existing Regulations Regarding the Use of Genetically Modified Organisms in Organic Agriculture</u>	PM 11-13	10/31/2011
<u>Labeling of Textiles that Contain Organic Ingredients</u>	PM 11-14	10/31/2011
<u>Production and Certification of Aquatic Plants</u>	PM 12-1	9/12/2012
<u>Placement of Certified Organic By *** Statement</u>	PM 12-2	1/9/2013
<u>Cell Fusion Techniques Used in Seed Production</u>	PM 13-1	2/1/2013
<u>Humic Acid Extraction</u>	PM 13-2	12/16/2013
<u>Synthetic Algicides, Disinfectants, and Sanitizers Allowed in Organic Crop Production</u>	PM 13-3	6/6/2014
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<u>Impact of Fumigation and Irradiation Requirements on Organic Imports</u>	PM 18-1	3/20/2024
<u>Impact of Prohibited Grain Seed Regulations on Organic Imports</u>	PM 18-2	7/31/2018

Section H. Notices to Certifying Agents	Document	Date
<u>Neotame Not Allowed in Organic Foods</u>	Notice 11-1	1/6/2011
<u>Corn Steep Liquor</u>	Notice 11-3	1/31/2011

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<u>Petitions for Inert Ingredients under the National Organic Program</u>	Notice 11-6	2/3/2011
<u>Sodium Nitrate Use in Organic Crop Production</u>	Notice 12-1	9/11/2012
<u>Periodic Residue Testing of Organic Products</u>	N/A	2/28/2013
<u>Organic Integrity Learning Center Launch</u>	N/A	5/2/2019
<u>Certification of Organic Crop Container Systems</u>	N/A	6/3/2019
<u>Organic Integrity Database – Transitional Operation Reporting</u>	N/A	6/28/2023
<u>Ion Exchange Filtration in Organic Production</u>	N/A	7/6/2023

Section I. Other	Document	Date
<u>Archived NOP Documents</u>	Notice 11-4	3/20/2024
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Section J. Draft Guidance	Document	Date
<u>Treated Lumber – Draft Guidance</u>	NOP 5036	8/31/2016