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Import & Export Requirements

Import Requirements <i>Imported organic products treated with ionizing radiation or a substance prohibited by the USDA organic regulations (such as a fumigant) may not be sold, labeled, or represented as organic or organically produced or handled. Operations must have documentation to demonstrate that integrity has been maintained during transportation, as well as standard U.S. import documentation.</i> https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/organic-certification/international-trade			
Trade Policy	Country or Union	Verifications <i>(Supported by supplementary documentation signed by supplier's certifier)</i>	Baseline Documentation
Equivalency Arrangements	Canada	<p>Prohibited:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Agricultural products derived from animals treated with antibiotics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Organic Certificate to Canadian Organic Regime (COR) Standards for Canadian Operation -Documentation accompanying shipment must include the statement "Certified in accordance with the terms of the US-Canada Organic Equivalency Arrangement."
	European Union <i>EU Member Countries: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, and Sweden.</i>	<p>Required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Must be produced in or have final processing or packaging performed within the EU <p>Requirements for organic wine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Must contain 100% organic grapes and organic ingredients. <p>Non- organic substances not allowed under 7 CFR 205.605 are prohibited. Prohibited:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Agricultural products derived from animals treated with antibiotics -Aquatic animals (e.g. fish, shellfish) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Organic Certificate to European Commission Standards for EU Operation -NOP Import Certificate
	Japan	<p>Required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Must be produced or have final processing, packaging, or labeling occur in Japan -Must be plant products or plant-based processed products 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Organic Certificate to Japanese Agricultural Standards (JAS) for Japanese Operation -NOP Import Certificate
	Korea	<p>Required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Must be "processed products" as defined by the Korean Food Code -Final processing (as defined in the Korean Food Code) must occur in Korea <p>Prohibited:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Products that contain livestock products produced with the use of antibiotics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Organic Certificate to Korean standards (under MAFRA) for Korean Operation -NOP Import Certificate
	Switzerland	<p>Required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Must be products whose final processing or packaging occurs in Switzerland 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Organic Certificate to Swiss organic ordinances for Swiss Operation

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		-Organic wine must be produced and labeled to US regulations <u>Prohibited:</u> -Livestock products produced with the use of antibiotics (including all ingredients)	-NOP Import Certificate
	Taiwan	<u>Required:</u> -Products raised in Taiwan or final processing/packaging occurs in Taiwan -Only products exported from and certified in Taiwan <u>Prohibited:</u> -Must not be “in conversion” products	-NOP Import Certificate -Organic Certificate to the USDA or Taiwan's organic standards
	United Kingdom <i>Great Britain (England, Scotland, Wales) and Northern Ireland</i>	<u>Required:</u> -Products must be certified in and exported from the U.K. <u>Prohibited:</u> -Agricultural products derived from animals treated with antibiotics. -Aquatic animals (e.g. fish, shellfish)	-NOP Import Certificate -Organic Certificate to the USDA or UK organic standards -Labels must state name of UK certifying agent (if applicable)
Recognition Agreements	Israel	<u>Required:</u> -Must be produced in Israel and certified by an Israeli-accredited certifying agent to USDA NOP Organic Standards	-Organic Certificate to USDA NOP Organic Standards for Israeli Operation
	New Zealand	<u>Required:</u> -Must be produced in New Zealand and certified by a New Zealand government-accredited certifying agent to USDA NOP Organic Standards	-Organic Certificate to USDA NOP Organic Standards for New Zealand Operation
None (Recognition Agreement Terminated)	India	In a notice dated January 11, 2021, the AMS announced they have ended the US-India organic recognition agreement. Upon ending the recognition agreement, AMS provided an 18-month transition period for Indian organic operations that were certified USDA organic by an APEDA-accredited certifier under the recognition to become certified directly by a USDA-accredited certifier. That transition period ended on July 12, 2022.	As of July 12, 2022 -Organic certificate issued by a USDA-accredited certifier to the NOP standards -NOP Import Certificate by a USDA-accredited certifier -National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) TraceNet Certificate issued by an APEDA-accredited certifier

Export Requirements	Country or Union	Verifications (supported by incoming documentation signed by supplier's certifier)	Documentation (issued by ZENITH Certification unless otherwise noted)	Labeling Requirements (Refer ZENITH labelling requirements)
Equivalency Arrangements	Canada	Required: -Agricultural products	-Organic certificate must accompany	RETAIL (* = must meet additional Canadian labeling requirements) -must state the name of the US

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		<p>derived from non-ruminant animals must be produced according to the stocking rates in CAN /CGSB32.310. -Must be Organic or 100% Organic *See Labeling Requirements column re: Made with Organic products</p> <p>Prohibited: -Agricultural products produced with the use of sodium nitrate -Agricultural products produced by hydroponic or aeroponic production methods</p> <p>The equivalence arrangement includes all USDA Organic products, regardless of where they are produced and handled.</p>	<p>shipment and include the statement "Certified in accordance with the terms of the US- Canada Organic Equivalency Arrangement."</p>	<p>certifying agent -must be in English and French* -may use the USDA Organic seal or the Canada Organic Biologique logo* -for products containing 70-95% organic ingredients, a % organic content statement may be displayed* -"100% Organic" products may only be labeled as "Organic" -may not use phrase "certified organic," only "organic" as product claim -additional requirements for Quebec - check with ZENITH</p> <p>WHOLESALE (all are required) -name and address of the person or organization responsible for production, preparation or distribution of the product -name of product and its organic status -name of certifier (or logo) -information that ensures traceability, for example the lot number -in-transit loads must include signage attached to the bin identifying product as organic</p>
	<p>European Union</p>	<p>Required: -Must be produced in or have final processing or packaging performed within the US -Must be Organic or 100% Organic *See Labeling Requirements column re: Made with Organic products</p> <p>Prohibited: -Crops produced using antibiotics. Antibiotics must not have been used for at least 3 years prior to harvests prior to 10/21/14</p> <p>Requirements for organic wine and wine "made with organic grapes": -Must contain 100% organic grapes and organic ingredients. Non-organic substances not allowed under 7 CFR 205.605 are prohibited. -Must have been produced using only the winemaking practices</p>	<p>EU Import Certificate ("Certificate of Inspection...")</p>	<p>RETAIL (* = must meet additional EU labeling requirements) -must meet EU labeling requirements -must state the name of the US certifying agent (in the form of the EU assigned code) -may use the USDA Organic seal or the EU Organic logo* -for products with less than 95% organic ingredients, a % organic content statement may be displayed -"100% Organic" products may only be labeled as "Organic"</p> <p>WHOLESALE (all are required) -name and address of operator, and where different, owner or seller of product -name of product and its organic status -name of certifier (or its EU control number) -lot number</p>

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		and substances detailed in the EU Organic regulations		
	Korea	<p>Required: -Must be "processed products" as defined by the Korean Food Code -Must be products whose final processing (as defined in the Korean Food Code) occurs in the US -Must contain at least 95% organic ingredients</p> <p>Prohibited: -products that contain apples or pears produced with the use of antibiotics</p>	NAQS Import Certificate of Organic Processed Foods (must be issued through their electronic system)	<p>RETAIL (* = <i>must meet additional Korean labeling requirements</i>) -must meet Korean food labeling requirements -must include the certificate number (use operation's certification number) -may display the Korean organic food label* and/or USDA organic seal -must include the statements 'Manufactured by', 'Packaged in: USA', and telephone number of the seller/importer WHOLESALE (<i>all are required</i>) -name and address of certified operation -name of product and its organic status -name of certifier (or logo) and operation/certification number -lot number -meet Korean food labeling requirements</p>
	Japan	<p>Required: -Must be produced or have final processing, packaging or labeling occur in the US -Must be plant products or plant-based processed products</p> <p>Prohibited: -Must not be "Made with Organic" products (no less than 95% organic content)</p>	Export Certificate (TM-11), which must include the statement: <i>"Certified in compliance with the terms of the US-Japan Organic Equivalence Arrangement."</i>	<p>RETAIL -must include the JAS Seal and comply with the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries requirements for the use of the JAS Seal (including who applies the seal) -must include the certificate number (use operation/certification number) -must be in Japanese but a translation sticker could be applied in Japan as long as the organic seal is not modified in any way by an uncertified distributor -country of origin must be identified on labels WHOLESALE (<i>all are required</i>) -name and address of the person or organization responsible for production, preparation or distribution of the product -name of product and its organic status -name of certifier (or logo) -information that ensures traceability, for example the lot number -in-transit loads must include signage attached to the bin identifying product as organic</p>
	Taiwan	<p>Required: -Products must be raised in the United States or final processing/packaging occurs in the U.S. -Equivalency arrangement covers products exported from and certified in the U.S. It also covers</p>	Export Certificate (TM-11) (aka Transaction Certificate), which must include the statement: <i>"Certified in compliance</i>	<p>RETAIL -Use of Taiwan's organic mark is restricted for use only by Taiwan businesses and may not be applied to USDA organic products. -must state the name of the U.S. certifying agent and may use the USDA Organic seal. -may use the seal of the certifying</p>

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		<p>products exported via Canada if the following are met: Produced and/or had their final processing occur in the U.S.; Packed and sealed in the U.S and only trans-shipped through Canada, with no further handling, trading, etc. of the product until arrival in Taiwan; and Produced in compliance with all other terms of the U.S.- Taiwan organic equivalence arrangement. Prohibited: -Must not be "Made with Organic" products</p>	<p><i>with the terms of the AIT/TECRO-NOP/AFA Organic Equivalence Arrangement."</i> If being shipped from Canada, it must also include the statement: <i>"These products were packed and sealed in the U.S., loaded onto a ship at the Canadian port of embarkation, and not further handled until arrival in Taiwan."</i></p>	<p>body if it is not larger than the USDA seal organic seal and the certifier's seal can be used in place of their name on the label -must include the product name and be indicated as organic -Ingredients. Those containing more than one ingredient shall be accordingly indicated in a descending order of proportion; in the case of a product containing single ingredient this can be represented by the product name, and the product is exempted from ingredient indication. -include the name, certification number, address, and telephone number of the importer. -include origin (country). However, those with the address of the manufacturing plant or certification site that can represent the origin indicated are exempted. WHOLESALE (all are required) -Name of product -Origin country -Must be accompanied by a duplicate of both the organic certificate and TM-11</p>
	Switzerland	<p>Required: -Either grown in the United States, produced in the United States, or be a product for which final processing or packaging has occurred in the United States -Must be Organic or 100% Organic *See Labeling Requirements column re: Made with Organic products -Organic wine must be produced and labeled to Swiss regulations</p>	<p>Swiss Certificate of Inspection issued through the TRACES website</p>	<p>RETAIL -must meet Swiss organic labeling requirements -may display the USDA Organic seal -for products with less than 95% organic ingredients, the reference to organic may only appear in the list of ingredients and the overall percentage of organic ingredients must be stated on the ingredient panel -"100% Organic" products may only be labeled as "Organic" WHOLESALE (all are required) -name and address of certified operation -name of product and its organic status -certifier's EU control number -lot number -meet Swiss organic labeling requirements</p>
	United Kingdom	<p>Required: -Products must be certified in and exported from the U.S. Prohibited: -Made with Organic products cannot be marketed as organic in the UK</p>	<p>USDA organic products exported to the UK-Great Britain: The Great Britain Certification of Inspection (GB COI) should be sent electronically (via email) to the UK Port Health Authority (PHA) or Local</p>	<p>RETAIL and WHOLESALE -Label must state where any of the farmed product's ingredients were produced -The certifying agent and code number must be included, if applicable -May use the EU Organic logo, but then the product must meet the EU labeling requirements and statement of agricultural origin -"100% Organic" products may only be labeled as "Organic"</p>

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			<p>Authority (LA) in advance of the organic shipment arriving. This document must include the shipping container number.</p> <p>USDA organic products exported to the UK- Northern Ireland: Follow same protocol as exporting to the EU – complete a COI (EU import certificate) through TRACES before the product leaves the U.S.</p>	
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