



CCOF International Standard Application - Handler

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► **Complete this form to enroll in the CCOF International Standard program.**

This program is equivalent to the EU and Swiss organic standards. Enrollment in the CCOF International Standard program means that CCOF will review your operation for compliance with our private standard, and will grant you equivalence to the EU and Swiss standards.

Enrollment in this program is ONLY required if you are located in Mexico and do one of the following:

- Export organic product directly to the EU or Switzerland.
- Provide final processing in Mexico for a product exported to the EU or Switzerland.
- The CCOF International Standard program is dependent on certification to the US National Organic Program as a base level of compliance.
- Please review the CCOF [International Standard Program Manual](#) for clarifications about the program and an explanation of fees.

A. General Information

Operation Name:		Date:
1. Review the standards and requirements of this program in the CCOF International Standard Program Manual .	<input type="checkbox"/> I have reviewed the CCOF International Standard Manual	Comments/Questions:
2. Do you require priority mid-year review of your International Standard application? Only applicable to limited programs and where CCOF has already granted NOP organic certification.	<input type="checkbox"/> Mid-year new International Standard application review <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable	
3. Which international market(s) do you plan to export to?	<input type="checkbox"/> Europe <input type="checkbox"/> Switzerland	
4. What products or crops are exported directly or indirectly (as an ingredient or through brokers/traders etc) to these foreign markets?	<input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> Limited, describe:	
5. You must maintain a complaint file to address complaints pertaining to your organic practices	<input type="checkbox"/> I keep a complaint file.	
6. Are you currently certified organic by a certification agency other than CCOF?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Certifier: Attach current certificates, recent compliance notices, letters, and a signed release of certification data.	

B. Processor/Handler Production Compliance

Management Practice/Concern	Answer	Restrictions
1. Describe your systems for separating and identifying ingredients and finished products that meet different organic standards, in order to avoid commingling errors.	<input type="checkbox"/> NA, all products meet identical standards. <input type="checkbox"/> Systems in place, please describe:	Required.
2. Are any disinfectants or sanitizers such as Hydrogen Peroxide, Ozone, or Peracetic Acid used in direct contact with organic foods?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, list products:	Must be followed by a rinse.
3. Are any Boiler Chemicals (Cyclohexylamine, Diethylaminoethanol, Octadecylamine) used in direct contact with organic foods? (allowed by NOP for packaging sterilization).	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, list products and explain your plan to avoid the use of these materials:	Prohibited
4. Are all suppliers/ingredients used for products seeking EU or Swiss equivalence certified to EU standards, or otherwise equivalent?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, attach certificates <input type="checkbox"/> No: list products/ingredients:	Required



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5. Have you reviewed the CCOF International Standard Program Manual to ensure processing aids, non-organic ingredients, and/or additives used comply with the International Standard program restrictions/allowances?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, I am aware that International Standard program restrictions may apply to materials I use. Potential concerns include:	Some materials allowed by NOP standards may not be allowed by the International Standard Program.
6. Are all products produced by/processed at EU or Swiss certified or equivalent locations and certified to the EU or Swiss standards or equivalent?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, attach certificates <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> No: list applicable products/ingredients/co-packers/locations:	Required.
7. Do wholesale containers, produce boxes or accompanying documents (BOLs etc.) contain required information?	<input type="checkbox"/> NA, no non-retail containers used <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, explain:	Required (appears on mandatory accompanying export document issued by CCOF)
8. Has any retail packaging that will be exported been submitted to CCOF for review and approval? All labels included under your certification, including private labels or contracted production, must be disclosed to CCOF prior to production.	<input type="checkbox"/> NA, no retail packing <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, explain:	Labels produced to foreign standards that do not meet NOP standards are required to be labeled "For Export Only" on master cases etc.