



# CCOF Mexico Compliance Program Application

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**Complete this form to request certification to the Mexico Compliance Program. Your operation needs to enroll in this program if located in Mexico or selling products as organic in Mexico.**

- ▶ The Mexico Compliance Program is dependent on certification to the US National Organic Program as a base level of compliance.
- ▶ Program fees apply, as described in the Mexico Compliance Program Manual.

## A. General Information

<b>Operation Name:</b>	<b>Date:</b>		
1. Review the standards and requirements of this program in the <a href="#">Mexico Compliance Program Manual</a> .	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I have reviewed Mexico Compliance Program Manual Comments/Questions:		
2. You must maintain a complaint file to address complaints pertaining to your organic practices.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I keep a complaint file. <sup>1</sup>		
3. 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.		
4. What products or crops do you plan to sell as organic in Mexico?	<input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> Limited. Describe:		
5. Do you have systems in place to separate crops or finished products that meet different organic standards, to avoid commingling?	<input type="checkbox"/> NA, all products meet identical standards <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, systems in place. Describe:		
6. Provide an estimate of expected organic production for each crop or product, by weight or volume. <i>Operations located outside Mexico: only include crops/products to be sold in Mexico<sup>2</sup></i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete this table and/or attach additional pages.		
	<i>Crop/product</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Unit (i.e. kg, L, t)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional pages attached.			

## B. Crop, Wild Harvest, and Mushroom Production Practices and Materials

NA, no crop, wild harvest, or mushroom production.

Practice	Answer	Requirement
1. Are any of your organic crops from hydroponic production?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, list crops and parcels:	Production without soil (for example, production in inert substrate) is prohibited. <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> ISO/IEC 17065 4.1.2.2.c.2 & 4.1.2.2.j

<sup>2</sup> Regulations of the Organic Products Law (RLPO) Article 26

<sup>3</sup> Agreement which makes public the Guidelines for Organic Operations of farming and livestock activities (ALOOA) Article 30



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2. Are any of your organic crops from container production?	<input type="checkbox"/> No, go to question 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, list crops and parcels and answer 2a below: 2a. Is in-ground production of the specific crops(s) viable based on the characteristics of the crop and/or the agroecological conditions of your parcel? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, go to question 3. <input type="checkbox"/> No, in-ground production is not viable. Answer question 2b. 2b. Mark all applicable technical justifications for why in-ground production is not viable: <input type="checkbox"/> I grow sprouts, mushrooms, or annual seedlings (transplants). <input type="checkbox"/> Local soil type is not conducive to in-ground production due to high clay content, low porosity, low levels of organic content, and/or pH is too low/high. <input type="checkbox"/> Crops are susceptible to local soil borne pathogens or other pests. <input type="checkbox"/> Container production allows for water conservation because water is recirculated, incorporates methods and/or technologies to use water efficiently and/or use of water is reduced by producing this crop in containers. <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Explain:	Prohibited, unless specific conditions are met. See Mexico Compliance Program Manual 3.2.3 for requirements. <sup>4</sup>
3. Do you use sodium nitrate (Chilean nitrate, NaNO <sub>3</sub> ) in your organic crop production?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, list crops and parcels:	Prohibited. <sup>5</sup>
4. Is your use of all plastic, such as irrigation tubing, container production pots, bags, etc., in compliance with the Mexico Compliance Program Manual requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/> NA, no plastic used <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, explain plan to meet this requirement:	See Mexico Compliance Program Manual 3.2.4 for requirements on plastics. <sup>6</sup>
5. Wild harvest operations only: Do you have a current wild harvest permit or registration from SEMARNAT (Mexico's Secretary of the Environment and Natural Resources)?	<input type="checkbox"/> NA, no wild harvest <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, explain plan to meet this requirement:	Required. <sup>7</sup>
6. Wild harvest operations only: Do all collection areas have buffer zones of at least 25 meters, where adjacent to asphalt roads and/or nonorganic production?	<input type="checkbox"/> NA, no wild harvest <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, explain plan to meet this requirement:	Required. <sup>8</sup>
7. Mushroom production operations only: do all outdoor mushroom production locations have a buffer zone of at least 35 meters from surrounding nonorganic fields?	<input type="checkbox"/> NA, no mushroom production, or all mushroom production takes places indoors <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, explain plan to meet this requirement:	Required. <sup>9</sup>

4 ALOOA Article 5

5 ALOOA Article 4 "National List"; Article 31; Table 1 of Annex 1

6 ALOOA Article 51

7 ALOOA Article 58

8 ALOOA Article 56

9 ALOOA Article 161



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8. Mushroom production operations only: is all non-municipal water used in mushroom production tested for compliance with applicable water quality requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/> NA, no mushroom production, or only municipal water used in mushroom production <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, explain plan to meet this requirement:	Required. <sup>10</sup>

## C. Processor/Handler Practices<sup>11</sup>

NA, no processing/handling.

Management Practice	Answer	Requirement
1. Are all supplies/ingredients produced in Mexico, and to be marketed as organic in Mexico, certified organic to the Mexican organic standards?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Attach certificates. <input type="checkbox"/> NA, no products to be marketed as organic in Mexico. <input type="checkbox"/> No. Explain and list products/ingredients:	Required.
2. Are all supplies/ingredients produced outside of Mexico, and used in organic products to be marketed as organic in Mexico, certified organic to the Mexican, U.S., Canadian, European, or Japanese standards?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Attach certificates. <input type="checkbox"/> NA, no products to be marketed as organic in Mexico. <input type="checkbox"/> No. Explain and list products/ingredients:	Required.
3. Describe how you ensure that only ingredients that meet the requirements in C1 and C2 above are used in products to be sold as organic in Mexico.	<input type="checkbox"/> NA, all products meet identical standards. <input type="checkbox"/> Systems in place, please describe:	Required.
4. Are all products produced in Mexico, and to be marketed as organic in Mexico, handled at locations certified to the Mexican organic standards?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, attach certificates <input type="checkbox"/> NA, no products produced in Mexico to be marketed as organic in Mexico. <input type="checkbox"/> No. Explain and list co-packers/locations:	Required (operations in Mexico).
5. For operations outside of Mexico exporting finished product to Mexico: Are all organic products you intend to export to Mexico certified to the Mexican organic standards or included in this application for certification to the Mexican organic standards?	<input type="checkbox"/> NA, located in Mexico <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No. Explain and list products:	Required (operations outside Mexico).

## D. Labeling

All labels must comply with the requirements of the country in which they are sold. All labels must be submitted to CCOF for approval prior to printing. **Please review the [Mexico Compliance Program Manual](#) for specific requirements and details.**

NA, no labels for products sold as organic in Mexico.

Labeling Practice	Answer	Requirement
1. Do all non-retail containers, wholesale containers, produce boxes, or accompanying documents (BOLs, invoices, etc.) contain the required information?	<input type="checkbox"/> NA, no non-retail containers used <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, explain plan to meet this requirement:	All labels must be submitted to CCOF for approval and must meet the labeling requirements in the MCP Manual. <sup>12</sup>
2. Has all retail packaging for product to be sold as organic been submitted to CCOF for review and approval?	<input type="checkbox"/> NA, no retail packaging for organic product <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, explain:	All labels must be submitted to CCOF for approval and must meet the labeling requirements in the MCP Manual. <sup>13</sup>

<sup>10</sup> ALOOA Article 162

<sup>11</sup> ALOOA Articles 200, 204; 258; DGIAAP/SENASICA Circular No. 04/2015, DGIAAP/SENASICA Circular No. 022/2016

<sup>12</sup> ALOOA Articles 191; 198

<sup>13</sup> ALOOA Articles 201; 202; 204; 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 (DN)



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3. Do you plan to use the SAGARPA national organic seal on any packaging or labels for product produced in Mexico?	<input type="checkbox"/> NA, no packaging or labels <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. For each product to be labeled with the seal, list the volume of product, and describe the production cycle:	SAGARPA national organic seal allowed only on product produced in Mexico. Written certifier approval required prior to use of the seal. <sup>14</sup>