Find all forms at [www.ccof.org/documents](http://www.ccof.org/documents). Send completed forms to [inbox@ccof.org](https://ccof1.sharepoint.com/sites/365CCOFOrganization/Shared%20Documents/General/CCOF%20Certification%20Services/01%20CCOF%20Quality%20System%202013/CERTIFICATION%20PROGRAMS/08%20Mexico%20Compliance%20Program/IN%20PROCESS/IN%20PROCESS/Formatting/inbox%40ccof.org).

**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.
1. General Information

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| **Operation Name:** |  | **Date:** |  |
| 1. Review the standards and requirements of this program in the [Mexico Compliance Program Manual](https://www.ccof.org/documents/mexico-compliance-program-manual).
 | [ ]  Yes, I have reviewed Mexico Compliance Program Manual Comments/Questions:       |
| 1. You must maintain a complaint file to address complaints pertaining to your organic practices.
 | [ ]  Yes, I keep a complaint file.[[1]](#footnote-2) |
| 1. Are you currently certified organic by a certification agency other than CCOF?
 | [ ]  No [ ]  Yes, Certifier:  Attach current certificates, recent compliance notices, letters, and a signed release of certification data. |
| 1. What products or crops do you plan to sell as organic in Mexico?
 | [ ]  All[ ]  Limited. Describe: |
| 1. Do you have systems in place to separate crops or finished products that meet different organic standards, to avoid commingling?
 | [ ]  NA, all products meet identical standards[ ]  Yes, systems in place. Describe: |
| 1. Provide an estimate of expected organic production for each crop or product, by weight or volume. *Operations located outside Mexico: only include crops/products to be sold in Mexico*[[2]](#footnote-3)
 | [ ]  Complete this table and/or attach additional pages.

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| *Crop/product* | *Amount* | *Unit**(i.e. kg, L, t)* |
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[ ]  Additional pages attached. |

1. Crop, Wild Harvest, and Mushroom Production Practices and Materials

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

| Practice | Answer | Requirement |
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| 1. Are any of your organic crops from hydroponic production?
 | [ ]  No [ ]  Yes, list crops and parcels:  | Production without soil (for example, production in inert substrate) is prohibited.[[3]](#footnote-4) |
| 1. Are any of your organic crops from container production?
 | [ ]  No, go to question 3[ ]  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?[ ]  Yes, go to question 3.[ ]  No, in-ground production is not viable. Answer question 2b. 2b. Mark all applicable technical justifications for why in-ground production is not viable:[ ]  I grow sprouts, mushrooms, or annual seedlings (transplants).[ ]  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. [ ]  Crops are susceptible to local soil borne pathogens or other pests. [ ]  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. [ ]  Other. Explain: | Prohibited, unless specific conditions are met. See Mexico Compliance Program Manual 3.2.3 for requirements.[[4]](#footnote-5) |
| 1. Do you use sodium nitrate (Chilean nitrate, NaNO3) in your organic crop production?
 | [ ]  No [ ]  Yes, list crops and parcels:  | Prohibited.[[5]](#footnote-6) |
| 1. Is your use of all plastic, such as irrigation tubing, container production pots, bags, etc., in compliance with the Mexico Compliance Program Manual requirements?
 | [ ]  NA, no plastic used [ ]  Yes[ ]  No, explain plan to meet this requirement:  | See Mexico Compliance Program Manual 3.2.4 for requirements on plastics.[[6]](#footnote-7) |
| 1. 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)?
 | [ ]  NA, no wild harvest [ ]  Yes[ ]  No, explain plan to meet this requirement:  | Required.[[7]](#footnote-8) |
| 1. 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?
 | [ ]  NA, no wild harvest [ ]  Yes[ ]  No, explain plan to meet this requirement:  | Required.[[8]](#footnote-9) |
| 1. Mushroom production operations only: do all outdoor mushroom production locations have a buffer zone of at least 35 meters from surrounding nonorganic fields?
 | [ ]  NA, no mushroom production, or all mushroom production takes places indoors[ ]  Yes[ ]  No, explain plan to meet this requirement:  | Required.[[9]](#footnote-10) |
| 1. Mushroom production operations only: is all non-municipal water used in mushroom production tested for compliance with applicable water quality requirements?
 | [ ]  NA, no mushroom production, or only municipal water used in mushroom production [ ]  Yes[ ]  No, explain plan to meet this requirement:  | Required.[[10]](#footnote-11) |

1. Processor/Handler Practices[[11]](#footnote-12)

[ ]  NA, no processing/handling.

| **Management Practice** | **Answer** | **Requirement** |
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| 1. Are all supplies/ingredients produced in Mexico, and to be marketed as organic in Mexico, certified organic to the Mexican organic standards?
 | [ ]  Yes. Attach certificates.[ ]  NA, no products to be marketed as organic in Mexico.[ ]  NA, no supplies/ingredients produced in Mexico.[ ]  No. Explain and list products/ingredients:  | Required. |
| 1. 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?
 | [ ]  Yes. Attach certificates.[ ]  NA, no products to be marketed as organic in Mexico.[ ]  NA, no supplies/ingredients produced outside Mexico.[ ]  No. Explain and list products/ingredients:  | Required. |
| 1. 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.
 | [ ]  NA, all ingredients meet identical standards.[ ]  NA, no products to be marketed as organic in Mexico.[ ]  Systems in place, please describe:  | Required. |
| 1. Are all products produced in Mexico, and to be marketed as organic in Mexico, handled at locations certified to the Mexican organic standards?
 | [ ]  Yes, attach certificates [ ]  NA, no products to be marketed as organic in Mexico.[ ]  NA, no co-packers/handling locations in Mexico.[ ]  No. Explain and list co-packers/locations:  | Required (operations in Mexico). |
| 1. 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?
 | [ ]  NA, located in Mexico [ ]  Yes[ ]  No. Explain and list products:  | Required (operations outside Mexico). |

1. 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](https://www.ccof.org/documents/mexico-compliance-program-manual) for specific requirements and details.

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

| Labeling Practice | Answer | Requirement |
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| 1. Do all non-retail containers, wholesale containers, produce boxes, or accompanying documents (BOLs, invoices, etc.) contain the required information?
 | [ ]  NA, no non-retail containers used [ ]  Yes[ ]  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.[[12]](#footnote-13) |
| 1. Has all retail packaging for product to be sold as organic been submitted to CCOF for review and approval?
 | [ ]  NA, no retail packaging for organic product [ ]  Yes [ ]  No, explain:  | All labels must be submitted to CCOF for approval and must meet the labeling requirements in the MCP Manual.[[13]](#footnote-14) |
| 1. Do you plan to use the Mexican national organic seal on any packaging or labels for products certified under the Mexico organic standards?
 | [ ]  NA, no packaging or labels [ ]  No [ ]  Yes. For each product to be labeled with the seal, indicate the volume and production lot:  | Lot numbering systems must be described in the OSP forms G8.0 or H5.0. Volume and production lots will be verified at annual inspections.[[14]](#footnote-15) Written certifier approval required prior to use of the seal.[[15]](#footnote-16) |

1. ISO/IEC 17065 4.1.2.2.c.2 & 4.1.2.2.j [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Regulations of the Organic Products Law (RLPO) Article 26 [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. Agreement which makes public the Guidelines for Organic Operations of farming and livestock activities (ALOOA) Article 30 [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. ALOOA Article 5 [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. ALOOA Article 4 “National List”; Article 31; Table 1 of Annex 1 [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. ALOOA Article 51 [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
7. ALOOA Article 58 [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
8. ALOOA Article 56 [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
9. ALOOA Article 161 [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
10. ALOOA Article 162 [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
11. ALOOA Articles 200, 204; 258; DGIAAP/SENASICA Circular N° 04/2015, DGIAAP/SENASICA Circular N° 022/2016 [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
12. ALOOA Articles 191; 198 [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
13. 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) [↑](#footnote-ref-14)
14. ALOOA Article 254 [↑](#footnote-ref-15)
15. DN Article 12; DGIAAP/SENASICA Circular N° 74/2021 [↑](#footnote-ref-16)