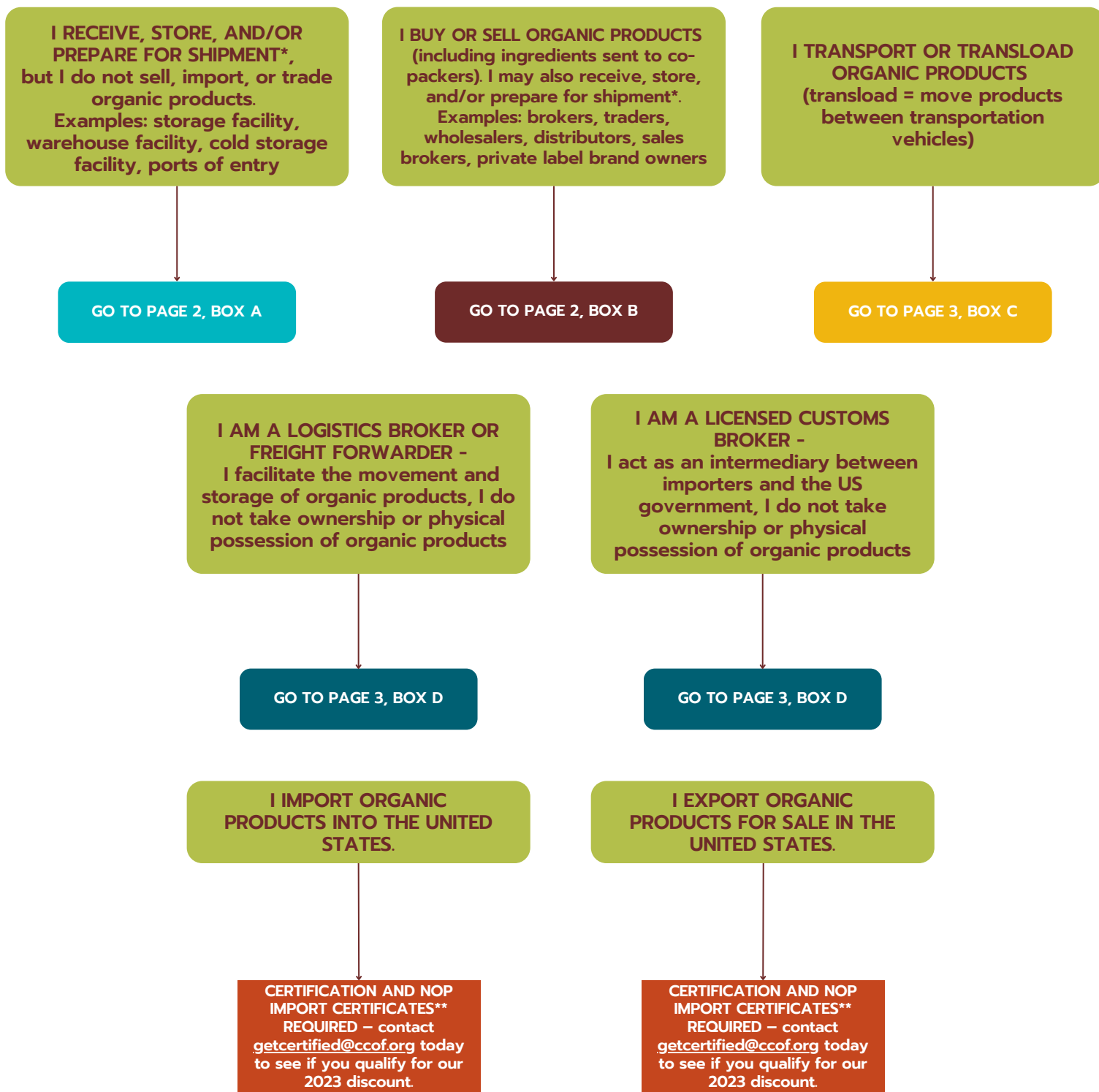


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More than one activity may apply; portions of your business may need to be certified while other portions may be exempt.

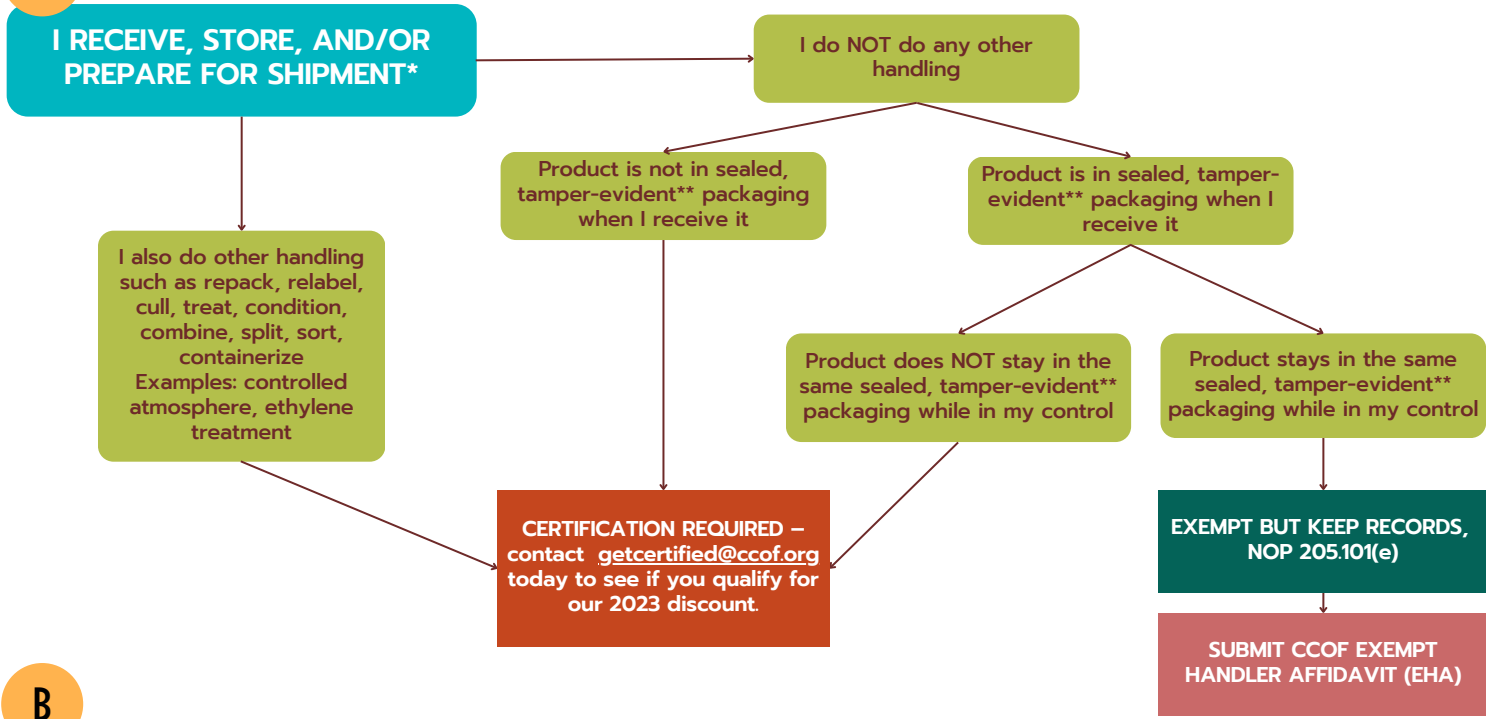


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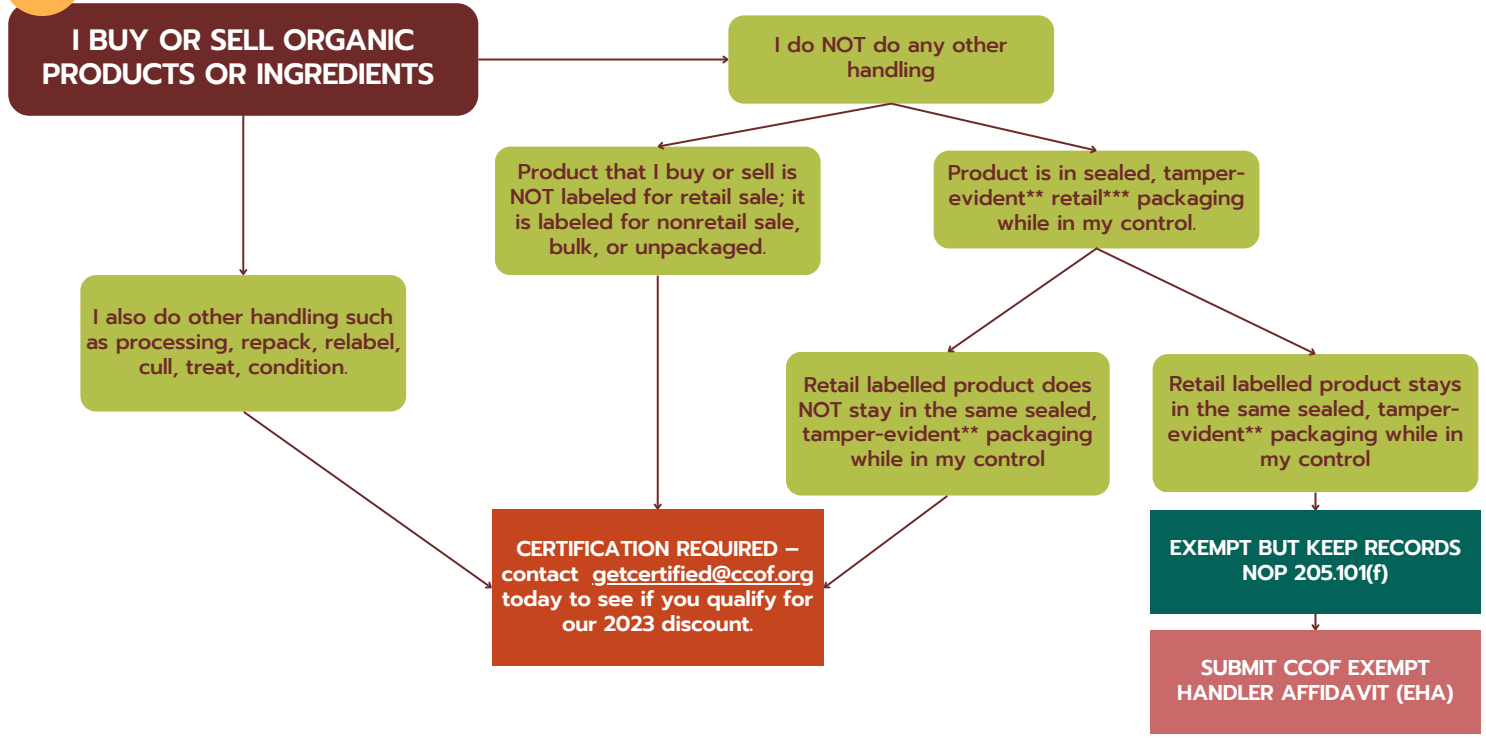
**NOP Import Certificates = The exporter must request an NOP Import Certificate from their organic certifier and then provide it to the importer. The importer enters the NOP Import Certificate number into the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) with their import filing. 205.273

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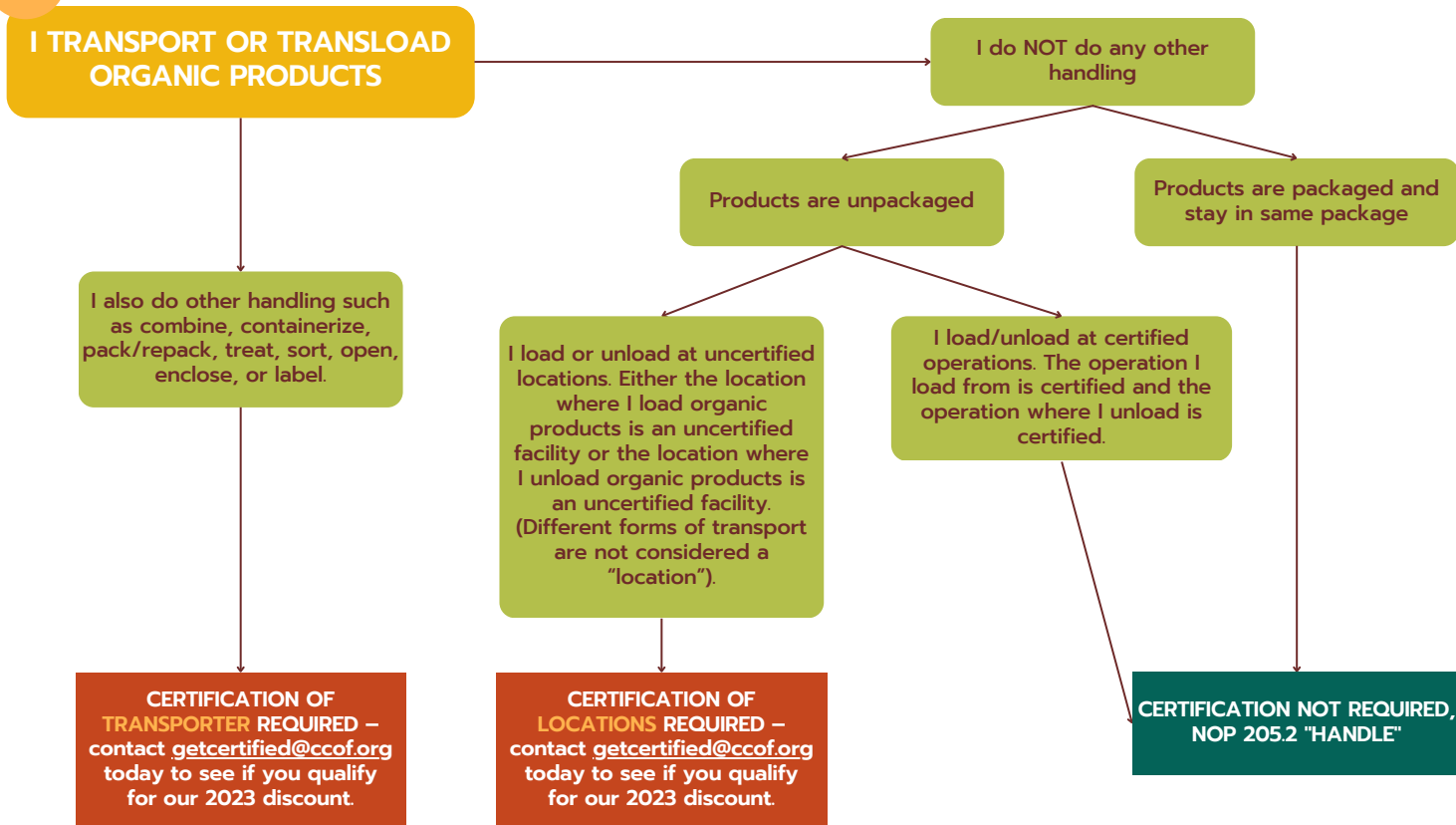
**Tamper-evident = contents are sealed in a manner where an attempt to break the seal, access the contents, or reclose the package would be obvious.
 – Examples of non-retail tamper-evident packaging: Produce boxes with “DO NOT TAMPER WITH” tape placed across box flaps, sealed bulk bags of flour, sealed drums or totes of olive oil, or produce boxes that are glued or stapled shut.
 – Examples of retail tamper-evident packaging: aseptically sealed jars, clamshells with sticker closing the clamshell, zip-top produce bags sealed with sticker or strip that consumer must rip off to open, salad container with film top that must be ripped off to open, produce individually wrapped in plastic with PLU label, mesh bags with a label that seals the bag and must be ripped off to open.

***The retail packaging must be sealed and tamper-evident for exemption to apply. Example: cucumber individually wrapped in plastic with a PLU sticker is sealed, tamper-evident retail packaging. Unpackaged cucumber with PLU label is not in sealed and tamper-evident retail packaging.

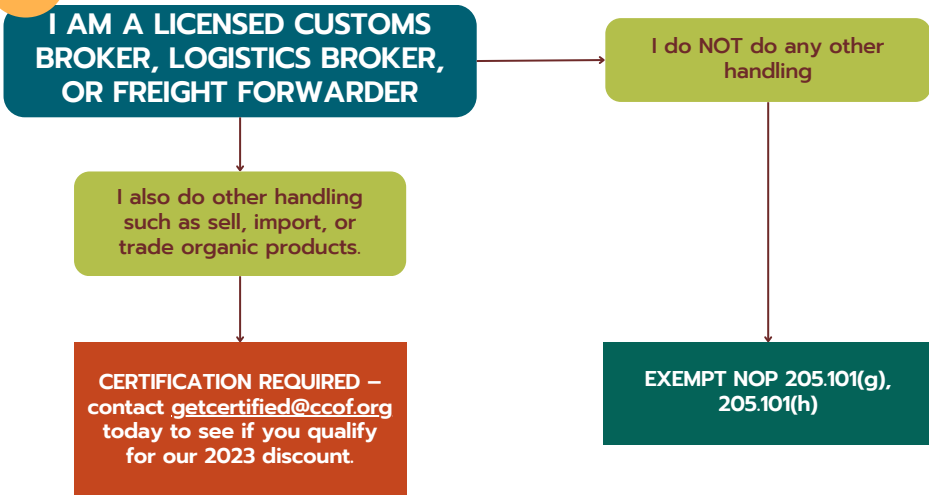


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