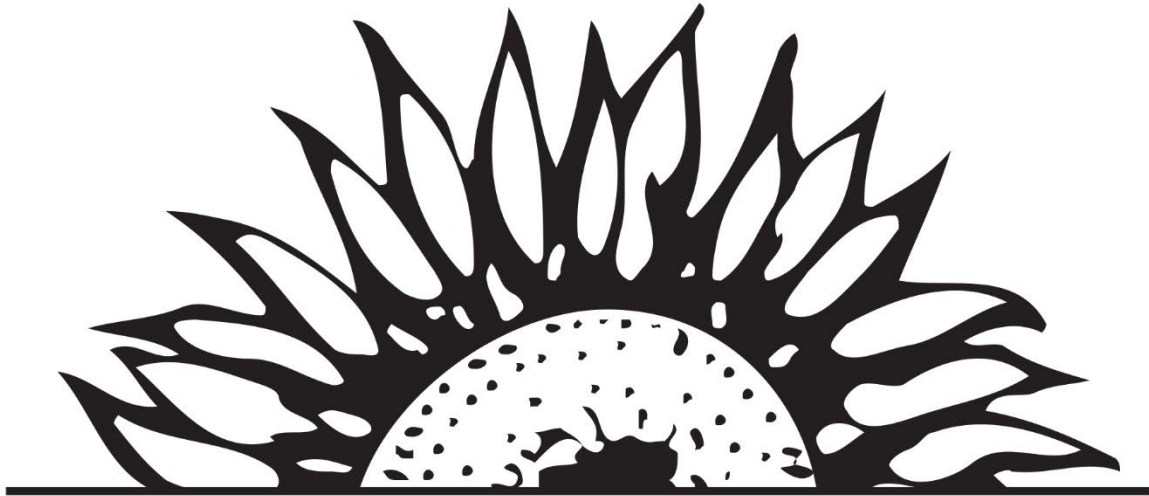




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INTRODUCTION

The market for organic products continues to grow worldwide. CCOF has developed the Global Market Access (GMA) program, described in this manual, to provide CCOF clients with compliance review to export arrangements between the USDA National Organic Program (NOP) or Canada Organic Regime (COR) and various foreign governmental bodies. Our GMA program currently offers NOP certified operations equivalence verification for export to Canada, the European Union (EU), the United Kingdom (UK), Switzerland, Japan, Korea, and Taiwan, and COR certified operations equivalence verification for export to the US, the EU, the UK, Switzerland, Japan, and Taiwan.

While the equivalence agreements dramatically simplify the organic regulations for producers of exported products certified to NOP or COR regulations, there are some critical variances and labeling requirements in the agreements that entail certifier review and approval. This program is designed to allow CCOF clients to receive the service and support they need to ensure seamless export of their products.

This manual contains information on exporting from the US to Canada, the EU, the UK, Switzerland, Japan, Korea, and Taiwan, from Mexico to Canada, and from Canada to the US, the EU, the UK, Switzerland, Japan, and Taiwan including additional production and labeling requirements. Please review this manual carefully for each export market that applies to your operation. If you are exporting your products to other markets, or from origins outside the US or Canada, please contact CCOF to discuss what your operation needs to do.

As foreign countries develop new mandatory national regulations and export requirements change, CCOF continues to modify and expand our GMA program to ensure foreign market access.

SECTION ONE: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q1: HOW MUCH DOES THE CCOF GMA PROGRAM COST?

A1: To be the most cost efficient for operations that are shipping to limited export markets, CCOF only charges operations that are exporting products directly, or that grow or handle products to be exported that need additional verification to meet the critical variance of that market. Operations are only charged for those markets for which they require verification.

- Canada (from US or Mexico), EU & UK, Switzerland, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, US (from Canada): \$300 annually each
- EU & UK wine, Switzerland wine: \$750 annually each

The annual fees are due at the time of initial application (regardless of compliance outcome) and due January 1 every year after.

There is an additional \$75 fee for each Export certificate issued under this program, per the CCOF Certification Services Program Manual.

Q2: IS MY OPERATION ELIGIBLE FOR THE CCOF GMA PROGRAM?

A2: All operations currently certified by or applying for NOP or COR certification with CCOF are eligible for the CCOF GMA program, with the following exceptions:

- If you are a broker/trader and your products are shipped directly from a foreign supplier to the export buyer without first coming to the US or Canada, they are not eligible for the US or Canada equivalence arrangements with the EU, UK, Switzerland, Japan, Korea or Taiwan. These terms of these arrangements require that the products have final processing or packaging in the US or Canada prior to export.
- If your operation is located in Mexico and shipping directly to the EU, UK, Switzerland, Japan, Korea, or Taiwan, you are not eligible to enroll in the CCOF Global Market Access program for these markets. Mexico does not have equivalence arrangements with these markets and the US equivalences only apply to operations located in the United States. You must apply for certification to these regulations with an accredited certifier.
- If your operation is located in Mexico and you export to Canada, CCOF reviews your products to the US/Canada equivalence arrangement under the GMA program. Currently, the CCOF GMA program does not include the Canada/Mexico Organic Equivalency Arrangement (CMOEA) as CCOF certifies organic products in Mexico with full compliance to both USDA NOP and LPO regulations.

- If your operation is located in Canada and you are interested in exporting products to Costa Rica, South Korea, or Mexico, please contact export@ccof.org. Currently, the CCOF GMA program does not offer these markets due to the lack of sufficient demand from clients.
- If your operation is located in Mexico, you need to enroll in the Mexico Compliance program.
- If your operation is located in the United States and you are exporting products to Mexico or work with a buyer who requires certification to the Mexican organic regulations, you need to enroll in the Mexico Compliance program.
- Additional restrictions for each equivalence are outlined in the equivalence-specific sections in Section Two of this manual.

Q3: WHO NEEDS TO BE ENROLLED IN THE CCOF GMA PROGRAM?

A3: You should enroll in the CCOF GMA program if you do any of the following:

- Export USDA NOP certified organic products to Canada, the EU, the UK, Switzerland, Japan, Korea, or Taiwan from the US.
- Export USDA NOP certified organic products to Canada from Mexico.
- Export COR certified organic products to the US, the EU, the UK, Switzerland, Japan, or Taiwan from Canada.
- Design labels for products that are sold in Canada, the EU, the UK, Switzerland, Japan, Korea, or Taiwan.
- Produce wine exported to the EU, the UK or Switzerland from the US.
- Sell CCOF certified organic products to any buyer who requires international verification of certification.

Q4: DOES MY OPERATION HAVE TO BE NOP OR COR CERTIFIED IF I ONLY WANT TO EXPORT PRODUCTS ABROAD?

A4: Yes. All operations must first be certified according to the NOP or COR regulations before the CCOF GMA program can apply. Operations that export to the United States from Canada must be certified organic entities to comply with US requirements, even though the COR regulations do not require exporters to be certified.

Q5: HOW DO I OBTAIN EXPORT CERTIFICATES FROM CCOF?

A5: CCOF provides export certificates only to clients enrolled in the GMA program for the corresponding market and reviewed as compliant to that equivalence. Export certificates may be requested by accessing the Export Certificate Request Packet at www.ccof.org/export for the specified market and submitting the completed packet to export@ccof.org. Export certificates for the EU, Switzerland or Northern Ireland are electronic only and processed in [TRACES](#). Certificates processed in TRACES and certificates for Great Britain (England, Scotland, and Wales) must be approved by CCOF before the consignment leaves the US or Canada port. Email export@ccof.org for assistance. There is a \$75 fee for each export certificate, plus applicable shipping fees, per the CCOF Certification Service Program Manual.

CCOF issues operations certified to a GMA program with an organic certificate addendum that describes the equivalence arrangements they are compliant with and indicates the specific products approved for each market. This certificate addendum, referred to as GMA certificate, is given to buyers along with the export certificate. The Client Profile indicates the specific products approved for each market.

Q6: WHAT ARE THE LABELING REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPORTED PRODUCTS?

A6: Labels must meet the organic labeling requirements of the destination market. Canada, the EU, the UK, Switzerland, Japan, Korea, and Taiwan all have specific labeling requirements, explained in detail in the CCOF International Market Labeling Guide, available at www.ccof.org/international. Operation's shipping to the US from Canada needs to meet the US labeling requirements, outlined at www.ccof.org. All labels should be submitted to CCOF for approval prior to printing. The fees charged for each export market verification include the review of labels to ensure compliance with the export market requirements. When submitting labels for review, indicate the export market on the Product Application, H2.6 Broker Suppliers list, or in the email body.

Various products may also be subject to national regulations and laws regarding food labeling or other standards. CCOF strongly recommends working with your importer to ensure compliance to all food labeling requirements for the destination market.

Q7: HOW DO I OBTAIN CCOF GMA VERIFICATION?

A7: Submit the CCOF GMA application or GMA Wine Application indicating your desired export markets. CCOF performs a desk audit of your operation and issues a Certificate of Compliance, otherwise called GMA Certificate, for the equivalence arrangements that you comply with. In cases where some portion of your operation complies, and some do not, an onsite inspection may be required before CCOF can grant you export verification.

Q8: WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT INTERNATIONAL EXPORTS?

A8: In addition to the requirements of governmental bodies, some buyers may desire direct governmental certification, such as to JAS in Japan. While the need for certification with regulations in addition to those described in this manual are uncommon, CCOF has worked to develop programs and partnerships to provide the necessary documentation where possible. If you believe that you need additional export documentation other than what is provided by the CCOF GMA program, please contact CCOF at export@ccof.org to discuss your needs.

Additionally, please note that organic regulation agreements do not negate the need to meet foreign market labeling laws or other food or fiber regulations that may affect labeling, product composition, or other aspects of your products. CCOF is only qualified to address organic regulation issues.

All products being shipped to a market under a USDA NOP or CFIA COR Organic Equivalence Arrangement must be accompanied by an export certificate, often referred to as a certificate of inspection, import certificate, or transaction certificate. These certificates are specific to each transaction and must be issued by CCOF. To request an export certificate from CCOF, complete and submit the corresponding Export Certificate Request Packet available at www.ccof.org/export to export@ccof.org or complete the certificate process in TRACES for export to the EU, Switzerland or Northern Ireland. There is a \$75 fee for each export certificate, plus applicable shipping fees.

SECTION TWO: EXPORT ARRANGEMENTS & REQUIREMENTS BY FOREIGN MARKET

PART A: CANADA/US

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and USDA NOP organic regulation equivalence arrangement establishes the regulations of the two countries as equivalent, with the exception of some critical variances that must be addressed in the certification and/or import/export process. For CCOF operations certified to either the NOP or COR regulations, the CCOF GMA program documents compliance with the US/Canada Organic Equivalence Arrangement.

All NOP or COR certified products crossing the borders into Canada or the US must be accompanied by an attestation statement that the product has been produced in accordance with the terms of the US/Canada Organic Equivalence Arrangement, including having met the critical variances, described below. This attestation statement must be provided by the certifier (CCOF) and must accompany all shipments of organic products exported through this equivalence. For COR operations, the attestation statement must be displayed on the organic certificate or associated documents. The CCOF GMA program organic certificate addendum fulfills the attestation requirement. For COR certified operations, the attestation statement must also appear on the NOP Import Certificate required for entry into the US.

All ingredients in products destined for Canada or the US must be certified or equivalent to the regulations of the Canadian Organic Regime (COR) or National Organic Program (NOP), for the final product to receive GMA compliance for the US/Canada Equivalence. All NOP certified products, except those on the list of high risk crops (www.ccof.org/Canada), and all COR products, except those containing livestock ingredients, are automatically considered COR/NOP equivalent.

Canada Labeling Requirements:

All labels for organic products sold in Canada must be labeled in full compliance with Canadian labeling requirements. All labels must be approved by CCOF prior to printing. Requirements for labeling organic products for export to Canada can be found in the International Market Labeling Guide at www.ccof.org/international.

US Labeling Requirements:

All labels for organic products sold in the US must be labeled in full compliance with US labeling requirements. All labels must be approved by CCOF prior to printing. Requirements for labeling organic products for export to the US can be found on the CCOF website at www.ccof.org.

Critical Variances / Production Requirements for Product Entering Canada from the US:

All raw produce, ingredients in processed products, and processed products¹:

1. Must be produced without the use of sodium nitrate.
 - a. If a portion of the crops are produced without the use of sodium nitrate, they must be segregated from crops produced using sodium nitrate. Fields are not required to undergo transition after the use of sodium nitrate.
2. Must not be produced by hydroponic or aeroponic methods.
3. Livestock products (other than from ruminants) must be from animal systems that meet the stocking rates as set forth in the COR regulations (see the table below):

Livestock	Canadian Measurement	US Equivalent	Canadian Measurement	US Equivalent
	Indoor Space		Outdoor Runs and Pens	
SWINE				
Sows and piglets up to 40 days old	7.5 m ² for each sow and litter	81 sq. ft. for each sow and litter	Not required	Not required
Growing pigs up to 30 kg. (66lb)	0.6 m ² /head	6.5 sq ft/head	0.4 m ² /head	4.3 sq ft/head
Growing pigs 30 – 50 kg. (66lb -110lb)	0.8 m ² /head	8.6 sq ft/head	0.6 m ² /head	6.5 sq ft/head
Growing pigs 50 – 85 kg. (110lb – 187lb)	1.1 m ² /head	12 sq ft/head	0.8 m ² /head	8.6 sq ft/head
Growing pigs > 85 kg (> 187lb)	1.3 m ² /head	14 sq ft/head	1.0 m ² /head	10.76 sq ft/head
Sows in group pens	3 m ² /head	32.3 sq ft/head	3 m ² /head	32.3 sq ft/head
Boars in individual pens	9 m ² /head	97 sq ft/head	9 m ² /head	97 sq ft/head
POULTRY				
Laying hens	6 birds/1 m ²	6 birds/10.76 sq ft	4 birds/1 m ²	4 birds/10.76 sq ft
Pullets 0-8 weeks	24 birds/1 m ²	24 birds/10.76 sq ft	16 birds/1 m ²	16 birds/10.76 sq ft
Pullets 9-18 weeks	15 birds/1 m ²	15 birds/10.76 sq ft	10 birds/1 m ²	10 birds/10.76 sq ft
Broilers	Maximum 21 kg/1m ²	4.3 lb /1 sq ft	21 kg/1 m ²	4.3 lb/1 sq ft
Turkeys, geese and large birds	Maximum 26 kg/1m ²	5.3 lb /1 sq ft	17 kg/1m ²	3.5 lb/sq ft
PASTURED POULTRY				
	Mobile Housing		Outdoor - Pasture	
Laying hens	6 birds/1 m ²	6 birds/10.76 sq ft	2000 birds /hectare	800 birds/acre
Broilers	Maximum 21 kg/1m ²	4.3 lb /1 sq ft	2500 birds /hectare	1000 birds/acre
Large birds	Maximum 26 kg/1m ²	5.3 lb /1 sq ft	1300 birds /hectare	540 birds/acre
RABBITS				
From weaning to slaughters	0.3 m ² /head	3.23 sq ft/head	2 m ² /head	22 sq ft/head
Pregnant does	0.5 m ² /head	5.4 sq ft/head	2 m ² /head	22 sq ft/head

¹ CAN/CGSB 32.310

	Canadian Measurement	US Equivalent	Canadian Measurement	US Equivalent
Livestock	Indoor Space		Outdoor Runs and Pens	
Does and offspring	0.7 m ² of floor space /doe and offspring	7.5 sq ft of floor space /doe and offspring	2 m ² /head	21.5 sq ft/head
Bucks	0.3 m ² /head	3.23 sq ft/head	2 m ² /head	22 sq ft/head
PASTURED RABBITS	Mobile Housing		Outdoor - Pasture	
From weaning to slaughter	0.4 m ² /head	4.3 sq ft/head	5 m ² /head	54 sq ft/head
Pregnant does	0.5 m ² /head	5.4 sq ft/head	5 m ² /head	54 sq ft/head
Does and offspring	0.4 m ² /head in shelter 2.4 m ² for grazing area	4.3 sq ft/head in shelter 26 sq ft for grazing areas	Not applicable	Not applicable
Bucks	0.4 m ² /head	4.3 sq ft/head	5 m ² /head	54 sq ft/head

Critical Variances / Production Requirements for Product Entering the US from Canada:

Livestock and livestock products must be produced without the use of antibiotics.

PART B: EUROPEAN UNION AND UNITED KINGDOM

The USDA NOP and CFIA COR have both established organic regulation equivalence arrangements with the European Union Commission. The USDA and CFIA COR have also established organic regulation equivalence arrangements with the UK's Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA). The UK retains the EU 834/2007 regulations after its exit from the EU, until full implementation of the UK regulations come into force. Because of these similarities, CCOF reviews to both the EU and UK equivalences at this time. If the UK regulation differs from the EU regulations, operations exporting to the UK must undergo an additional review.

These arrangements establish the regulations of the US and Canada as equivalent with the EU and UK regulations, with the exception of some critical variances that must be addressed in the certification and/or import/export process. For CCOF operations, where the final processing or packaging of organic product occurs in the United States, or the final processing occurs in Canada, the CCOF GMA program documents comply with the EU and UK Organic Equivalence Arrangements with the US and Canada.

All ingredients in products destined for the EU and UK must be certified or equivalent to the EU or UK regulations, for the final product to receive GMA certification for the EU and UK.

- For exports from the US:
 - All NOP certified ingredients, except wine, are automatically considered EU and UK equivalent.
 - Wine requires additional equivalence verification.
- For exports from Canada:
 - All unprocessed plant products, live animals or unprocessed animal products and vegetative propagating material and seed for cultivation must be grown in Canada.
 - Processed agricultural products for use as food or feed must be processed in Canada with organically grown ingredients grown in Canada or imported into Canada in accordance with the Organic Products Regulations. Products that are only packaged and/or labeled in Canada do not meet the terms of the equivalence arrangement.
 - Wine is included in this equivalence and requires no additional verification outside the CCOF GMA Program.

European Union (EU) Labeling Requirements:

All labels for organic products sold in the EU must be labeled in full compliance with EU labeling requirements. All labels must be approved by CCOF prior to printing. Requirements for labeling organic products for export to the EU can be found in the International Market Labeling Guide at www.ccof.org/international.

United Kingdom (UK) Labeling Requirements:

All labels for organic products sold in the UK must be labeled in full compliance with UK labeling requirements. All labels must be approved by CCOF prior to printing. Requirements for labeling organic products for export to the UK can be found in the International Market Labeling Guide at www.ccof.org/international.

Critical Variances / Production Requirements:

Products sent to the EU and UK must meet NOP or COR requirements. The equivalence arrangements cover live or unprocessed agricultural products and vegetative propagating materials and seeds for cultivations, as well as processed agricultural products for use as food and feed.

European Union Member States may interpret the EU regulations in different ways, which may result in some countries requiring additional documentation without prior notice. CCOF works to prevent situations like this and works with you and your importer to solve any requests of this nature.

Wine Production Requirements / Critical Variances (US Export Only):

Wine cannot contain any nonorganic grapes and must be produced using only the winemaking practices and substances detailed in the EU Organic regulations (EU) 2018/848, (EU) 2021/1165, and outlined below:

Wine Production Material/ Practice	EU status	EU regulation reference
Casein, Egg albumin, Gelatin, Gum Arabic, Tannins, Pea protein, Potato protein, Wheat protein, Yeast, Yeast extracts	Must be organic when commercially available	(EU) 2021/1165 Annex V Part D
Aleppo pine resin, Potassium Acid Tartrate (Cream of Tartar)	Allowed	(EU) 2021/1165 Annex V Part D
Nonorganic agricultural ingredients/processing aids not listed above	Prohibited	(EU) 2021/1165 Annex V Part D
Nonorganic flavors (other than pieces of oak)	Prohibited	(EU) 2021/1165 Annex V Part D
Enzymes (other than Cellulase, Hemicellulase, Pectin lyases, Pectin methylesterase, Polygalacturonase)	Prohibited	(EU) 2021/1165 Annex V Part D
Partial dealcoholisation of wine	Prohibited	(EU) 2018/848 Annex II Part VI 3.2(d)
Electrodialysis treatment	Prohibited	(EU) 2018/848 Annex II Part VI 3.2(c)
Treatment with cation exchangers	Prohibited	(EU) 2018/848 Annex II Part VI 3.2(e)
Partial concentration through cooling	Prohibited	(EU) 2018/848 Annex II Part VI 3.2(a)
Elimination of sulphur dioxide by physical processes	Prohibited	(EU) 2018/848 Annex II Part VI 3.2(b)
Centrifuging and filtration with or without an inert filtering agent	Restricted: the size of the pores shall be not smaller than 0.2 micrometer	(EU) 2018/848 Annex II Part VI 3.3 (b)
Heat treatments	Restricted: temperature shall not exceed 75 °C (167 °F)	(EU) 2018/848 Annex II Part VI 3.3 (a)

PART C: JAPAN

The USDA NOP and CFIA COR have both established organic regulations equivalence arrangements with the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF). Both arrangements establish the regulations of the US and Canada as equivalent with Japan's, with no critical variances. Alcoholic beverages are not included in the US/Japan arrangement. For CCOF operations where the final processing or packaging of organic product occurs in the United States or Canada, the CCOF GMA program documents compliance with the Japan Organic Equivalence Arrangements with the US and Canada.

All ingredients in products destined for Japan must be JAS certified or equivalent for the final product to receive GMA certification for Japan. All NOP or COR certified products are automatically considered JAS equivalent.

Japan Labeling Requirements:

All retail labels for organic products sold in Japan are required to display the JAS seal. The seal may be applied in Japan by a JAS-certified importer or applied in the US or Canada through a consignment contract with a JAS-certified importer. See www.ccof.org/japan for more information about applying the JAS seal and working with certified importers and consignment contracts.

All labels must be approved by CCOF prior to printing. Requirements for labeling organic products for export to Japan can be found in the International Market Labeling Guide at www.ccof.org/international.

Critical Variances / Production Requirements:

Products sent to Japan must meet NOP or COR requirements.

PART D: KOREA

The Korean Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (MAFRA) and the USDA NOP organic regulations equivalence arrangement establishes the regulations of the two countries as equivalent for processed foods, as defined in the Korean Organic Food Code, with the exception of some critical variances that must be addressed in the certification and/or import/export process. For CCOF operations, where the final processing of organic foods occurs in the United States, the CCOF GMA program documents compliance with the US/Korea Organic Equivalence Arrangement.

All ingredients in products destined for Korea must be certified or equivalent to the Korean organic regulations for the final product to receive GMA certification for Korea. All NOP certified ingredients are automatically considered Korea equivalent.

Korean Labeling Requirements:

All labels for organic products sold in Korea must be labeled in full compliance with Korean labeling requirements. All labels must be approved by CCOF prior to printing. Requirements for labeling organic products for export to Korea can be found in the International Market Labeling Guide at www.ccof.org/international.

Critical Variances / Production Requirements:

Only processed foods, as defined by the Korean Food Code, are allowed to be exported to Korea.

PART E: SWITZERLAND

The USDA NOP and CFIA COR have both established organic regulations equivalence arrangements with the Swiss Federal Office for Agriculture (FOAG). Both arrangements establish the regulations of the US and Canada as equivalent with Switzerland's, with no critical variances. For CCOF operations, where the final processing or packaging of organic product occurs in the United States or Canada, the CCOF GMA program documents compliance with the Swiss Organic Equivalence Arrangements with the US and Canada.

All ingredients in products destined for Switzerland must be certified or equivalent to the Swiss regulations, for the final product to receive GMA certification for Switzerland.

- For exports from the US, all NOP certified ingredients, except wine, are automatically considered Swiss equivalent. Wine requires additional equivalence verification.
- For exports from Canada, live or unprocessed agricultural products and vegetative propagating material and seeds for cultivation must be grown in Canada. All COR certified processed agricultural products, including wine, are automatically be considered Swiss equivalent.

Swiss Labeling Requirements:

All labels for organic products sold in Switzerland must be labeled in full compliance with Swiss labeling requirements. All labels must be approved by CCOF prior to printing. Requirements for labeling organic products for export to Switzerland can be found in the International Market Labeling Guide at www.ccof.org/international.

Critical Variances / Production Requirements:

Products sent to Switzerland must meet NOP or COR requirements. The equivalence arrangements cover live or unprocessed agricultural products and vegetative propagating materials and seeds for cultivation, as well as processed agricultural products for use as food and feed.

Wine Production Requirements / Critical Variances (US Export Only):

Wine may not contain any nonorganic grapes and must be produced using only the winemaking practices and substances detailed in the Swiss Organic Ordinances and outlined below:

Wine Production Material/ Practice	Swiss status	Swiss regulation reference
Casein, Egg albumin, Gelatin, Gum Arabic, Tannins, Pea protein, Potato protein, Wheat protein, Yeast, Yeast extracts	Must be organic when commercially available	EAER Ordinance on Organic Farming Article 3b
Aleppo pine resin, Potassium Acid Tartrate (Cream of Tartar)	Allowed	EAER Ordinance on Organic Farming Article 3b
Nonorganic agricultural ingredients/processing aids not listed above	Prohibited	EAER Ordinance on Organic Farming Article 3b
Nonorganic flavors (other than pieces of oak)	Prohibited	EAER Ordinance on Organic Farming Article 3b
Enzymes (other than Cellulase, Hemicellulase, Pectin lyases, Pectin methylesterase, Polygalacturonase)	Prohibited	EAER Ordinance on Organic Farming Article 3b
Partial dealcoholisation of wine	Prohibited	EAER Ordinance on Organic Farming Article 3c
Electrodialysis treatment	Prohibited	EAER Ordinance on Organic Farming Article 3c
Treatment with cation exchangers	Prohibited	EAER Ordinance on Organic Farming Article 3c
Partial concentration through cooling	Prohibited	EAER Ordinance on Organic Farming Article 3c
Elimination of sulphur dioxide by physical processes	Prohibited	EAER Ordinance on Organic Farming Article 3c
Centrifuging and filtration with or without an inert filtering agent	Restricted: the size of the pores shall be not smaller than 0.2 micrometer	EAER Ordinance on Organic Farming Article 3c
Heat treatments	Restricted: temperature shall not exceed 75 °C (167 °F)	EAER Ordinance on Organic Farming Article 3c

PART F: TAIWAN

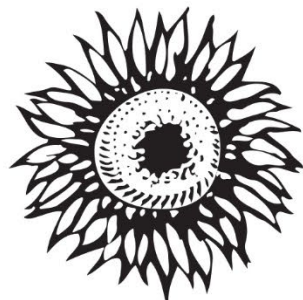
The USDA NOP and CFIA COR have both established organic regulations equivalency arrangements with the Government of Taiwan. Both arrangements establish the regulations of the US and Canada as equivalent with Taiwan's with the exception of a critical variance that must be addressed in the certification and/or import/export process. For CCOF operations, where organic product is raised or grown or where the final processing or packaging of organic product occurs in the United States or Canada, the CCOF GMA program documents compliance with the Taiwan Organic Equivalence Arrangements with the US and Canada.

Taiwan Labeling Requirements:

All labels for organic products sold in Taiwan must be labeled in full compliance with Taiwan labeling requirements. All labels must be approved by CCOF prior to printing. Use of Taiwan's organic mark is restricted for use only by Taiwan businesses and may not be applied by US or Canadian exporters. Requirements for labeling organic products for export to Taiwan can be found in the International Market Labeling Guide at www.ccof.org/international.

Critical Variances / Production Requirements:

Products sent to Taiwan must meet NOP or COR requirements.



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