



CCOF Mexico Compliance Program Application

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- ▶ **Complete this form to enroll in the Mexico Compliance Program for certification or recertification to the Mexico organic standards (Ley de Productos Orgánicos). Your operation needs to enroll in this program if located in Mexico, exporting products with organic claims to 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

Operation Name:	Date:	
1. Review the standards and requirements of this program in the Mexico Compliance Program Manual .	<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. ¹	
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. How do you prevent sale of products in Mexico that are not compliant with the Mexico organic standards? <i>Select all that apply</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> All products are compliant for sale in Mexico. <input type="checkbox"/> Ingredients and finished products that are compliant for sale in Mexico are separated and clearly labelled in storage. <input type="checkbox"/> Inventory system tracks ingredients that are compliant for sale in Mexico. <input type="checkbox"/> Lot coding system indicates products that are compliant for sale in Mexico. <input type="checkbox"/> Sales system only allows sale in Mexico of compliant products. <input type="checkbox"/> Other, describe:	
6. Provide an estimate of expected organic production for each crop or product, by weight or volume.	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete this table and/or attach additional pages.	
	<i>Crop/product</i>	<i>Amount</i>
		<i>Unit (i.e. L, t, no. of individual plants)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional pages attached.		

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

NA, no crop production of any kind.

Practice	Answer	Requirement
1. Are you requesting an exemption to utilize non-organic seeds and/or planting stock if equivalent varieties are not commercially available in organic form?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, describe use of seed and/or planting stock in OSP G3.0 form .	Required. ²

¹ ISO/IEC 17065 4.1.2.2.c.2 & 4.1.2.2.j

² ALOOA Article 35





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2. Are you requesting retroactive recognition of a 3-year land conversion exemption?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <i>If yes, you must provide a three-year land history with each parcel application, including the results of any pesticide residue testing, if applicable.</i>	Required. ³
3. 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. ⁴
4. Are any of your organic crops from container production?	<input type="checkbox"/> No, go to question 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, list crops and parcels _____, and answer 4a below.	Prohibited, unless specific conditions are met. Market demand cannot be considered as technical justification. See Mexico Compliance Program Manual 3.2.3 for requirements. ⁵
	4a. 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 5. <input type="checkbox"/> No, in-ground production is <u>not</u> viable. Answer question 4b below.	
	4b. 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:	
5. Do you use sodium nitrate (Chilean nitrate, NaNO ₃) in your organic crop production?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, list crops and parcels:	Prohibited. ⁶
6. 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. ⁷
7. 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. ⁸

3 ALOOA Article 12

4 Agreement which makes public the Guidelines for Organic Operations of farming and livestock activities (ALOOA) Article 30

5 ALOOA Article 5

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

7 ALOOA Article 51

8 ALOOA Article 58





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8. 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. ⁹
9. 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. ¹⁰
10. 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. ¹¹

C. Processor/Handler Practices¹²

NA, no processing/handling.

Management Practice	Answer	Requirement
1. Do you market any products as organic in Mexico?	<input type="checkbox"/> No. Stop, this section is complete. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, complete this section about the products to be marketed as organic in Mexico.	Product marketed as organic in Mexico must comply with the LPO. ¹³
2. If located in Mexico, are all suppliers certified organic to the Mexico organic standards (LPO) or verified as compliant with the Canada Mexico Organic Equivalence Arrangement (CMOEA) ¹⁴ ?	<input type="checkbox"/> NA, not located in Mexico. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Attach LPO certificates or COR certificates. Go to question 4.	Required. See section 2.10 of the Mexico Compliance Program Manual. ¹⁵
3. If located in the United States, are all suppliers certified organic to the Mexican organic standards (LPO)?	<input type="checkbox"/> NA, not located in the United States. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Attach LPO certificates. Go to question 4. <input type="checkbox"/> No. I request recertification of my finished product to be exported to Mexico. Complete the following questions: 3a. Have you resolved all Conditions and Noncompliances from your last inspection? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, attach responses. 3b. Are suppliers located in Mexico certified to the LPO standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, attach LPO certificates. <input type="checkbox"/> No. <i>Required.</i> 3c. Are suppliers located outside Mexico certified to the Mexico (LPO), US, Canada, European Union, or Japan standards? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, attach certificates. If not already provided to CCOF. <input type="checkbox"/> No. <i>Required</i>	See section 2.10 and 2.11 of the Mexico Compliance Program Manual. ¹⁶

⁹ ALOOA Article 56

¹⁰ ALOOA Article 161

¹¹ ALOOA Article 162

¹² ALOOA Articles 164; 166; 200; 204; 258; 259

¹³ LPO Article 33; SENASICA Circular No. 022/2016

¹⁴ SENASICA has recognized the Canadian Organic Regime as an equivalent standard. The equivalence applies to products grown or produced in Canada or whose final processing and packaging occurs in Canada. COR certified products must be accompanied by a Control or International Transaction Document. The terms of the arrangement are available on the [CFIA](#) and [SENASICA](#) websites.

¹⁵ ALOOA Articles 200, 204, 212, 214, 258, 259; Circular 48/2020

¹⁶ ALOOA Articles 200, 204, 212, 214, 258, 259, Annex 3 O-SQ-F-02 ; Circular 48/2020





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4. Are all co-packing facilities in Mexico certified to the Mexican organic standards (LPO)?	<input type="checkbox"/> NA, no co-packers in Mexico. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Attach certificates for co-packers in Mexico. <input type="checkbox"/> No. Explain and list co-packers/locations:	Required.





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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. ¹⁷
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. ¹⁸
3. Do you plan to use the Mexican national organic seal on any packaging or labels for products certified under the Mexico organic standards?	<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, 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. ¹⁹ Written certifier approval required prior to use of the seal. ²⁰

17 ALOOA Articles 191; 198

18 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)

19 ALOOA Article 254

20 DN Article 12; DGI AAP/SENASICA Circular N° 74/2021

