| OAP 8: Regulation (EU) 2018/848 Compliance Affirmation - Apiculture | | | |
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| ***Complete this section if your operation is (a) located outside the US and Canada and you plan to export organic products to the EU or (b) your operation produces organic products outside the scope of the equivalence arrangement for your relevant national standard.***  *QCS is recognized by the European Union in Regulation (EU) 2021/2325 and pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2018/848 as a control body with equivalent EU organic production and certification requirements for the purpose of importing organic products into the Union. All exports to the EU require a Certificate of Inspection issued through TRACES prior to departure of the shipment from the country of origin.* | | | |
| 1. **PRODUCTS REQUESTED FOR ORGANIC CERTIFICATION** 2. List all apiculture products requesting organic certification for export to the European Union.  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Apiculture product** | **Expected total annual production** (Specify Kg or tons per year) | **Label(s) used on products intended for export** | |  |  | Retail  Non-retail | |  |  | Retail  Non-retail | |  |  | Retail  Non-retail | |  |  | Retail  Non-retail | |  |  | Retail  Non-retail | | | | |
| 1. **APICULTURE MANAGEMENT** 2. Is supplemental feed provided only where the survival of the colony was endangered due to climatic conditions?   Yes  No  Not applicable – no supplemental feed   1. Do you ever destroy the male brood?  Yes  No If yes, is the practice used only for the purpose of isolating the infestation of *Varroa destructor?*  Yes  No 2. Are all substances used to treat infestations of *Varroa destructor* listed on **OAP 7**: Apiculture Production Inputs?  Yes  No 3. Are hives ever treated with healthcare or pest control products or substances, including antibiotics, that are not authorized use in EU organic production?  Yes  No. If yes:    1. Are the treated colonies placed in isolation apiaries for the duration of that treatment?  Yes  No    2. Is all the wax replaced with wax from organic beekeeping?  Yes  No    3. Do the colonies undergo a conversion period of 12 months after the completion of treatment and wax replacement before the harvesting of organic apiculture products?  Yes  No    4. List all treated hives in the table below:  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Hive name(s)/#(s)** | **Production unit** | **Product name and active ingredient(s)** | **Date(s) of treatment** | **Wax replacement date** | |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  * 1. How do you ensure that apiculture products from treated colonies are not represented as organic during the 12-month conversion period? | | | |
| 1. **MANAGEMENT OF THE HOLDING**   *A ‘holding’ consists of all production units operated under single management for the purpose of producing live or unprocessed agricultural products. Article 9(2) of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 requires that the entire holding is managed in compliance with organic production requirements.*   1. Does the operation store any substances that are not listed on the organic system plan and authorized for use in organic production anywhere on the organic or in-conversion production units?  Yes  No   If yes, please explain:     1. Answer the questions in the table below based on the management of the holding:  |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Is the operation’s entire holding managed in accordance with organic production requirements?** | **Additional questions:** | | Yes – the entire holding is Organic | None | | Yes – the entire holding is Organic or In-conversion | How does the operation effectively separate organic and in-conversion and document their separation? | | No | Non-organic production units may not produce organic apiculture products. Describe non-organic production, including products produced: | | | | |
| 1. **PACKAGING & LABELING VERIFICATION**   *QCS must verify compliance of all labels used and intended for use on EU organic products, packaging, containers, and commercial documents as applicable, including products that will be handled by another operator prior to export to the EU. Annex III of (EC) No 2018/848 describes the compulsory indications required on product to be imported in the EU and for verification by the importer. References in relation to organic shall be easily visible, clearly legible and indelible. Products exported to the EU shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Inspection. The information mentioned in the Certificate of Inspection shall correspond with the labelling of the products and the accompanying documents.*   1. Attach a copy of each label used or planned for use on EU organic products, including retail labels and labels used on wholesale packages, containers, transport units or their accompanying documentation. All labels must comply with the EU labeling requirements summarized below and be reviewed and approved by QCS prior to use.  **Attached** | | | |
| **Labeling Categories** | Agricultural products may be labelled as “organic” or “organically grown.” | | |
| **Wholesale Containers** | Non-retail containers including but not limited to cases, produce boxes, super sacks, etc. or accompanying documents must include:   * 1. Name and address of the certified operation   2. Product name and organic status   3. QCS certifier code and country code identifying the product’s origin (See below)   4. Traceability information such as lot numbers | | |
| **Country and certifier code** | All labels (retail and non-retail) must display the 2-letter country code and control body code for the operation who has carried out the most recent production or preparation of the product. This should appear as <Country Code>-BIO-144 for QCS certified organic products. Consult the QCS Organic Certification Manual for a full list of country codes. | | |
| **EU Organic Farming Logo** | Use of the EU organic farming logo is allowed on labels or other marketing material to represent products exported into the EU as organic, but use is not compulsory. Click here to download the [EU Organic Farming Logo](https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/farming/organic-farming/organic-logo_en) and here for the [User Manual](https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/food-farming-fisheries/farming/documents/organic-logo-user-manual_en.pdf).   * The logo must not be smaller than 13,5 mm by 9 mm. In the case of very small packaging where this is not possible, 9mm by 6mm is permitted.EU Organic seal formatting rules are located in 2018/848 Chapter IV * The country and certifier code shall be displayed above or below the EU organic * “Non-EU Agriculture” or “<Country of Origin> Agriculture” must appear below the country and certifier code. The country of origin may be used in place of “non-EU agriculture” only when all material was farmed in that country. | | |
| 1. **AFFIRMATION**   I affirm that all statements made in this EU Regulation Compliance Plan are true and correct. I agree to provide further information as required by QCS. I agree to, in cases where my operation and/or the subcontractors of my operation are certified by different certification bodies to EU standards, the exchange of information between those authorities or bodies; I agree in cases where my operation and/or the subcontractors may change organic certification body, to the transmission of my OSP and related certification documents to the subsequent certification body; I understand that if this operation withdraws from certification to the European Union (EU) 2018/848 & 2021/1165 Regulation Compliance Program QCS shall maintain the operation’s certification documents for a period of at least five years and inform, without delay, the relevant competent authority and control authority or control body; I agree to inform the QCS without delay of any irregularity or infringement affecting the organic status of this operation’s product or organic products received from other operators or subcontractors. | | | |
| Signature | | Title | Date |