| **OSP 08:** International Equivalence Arrangements for USDA certified organic products | | | | | | | | | |
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| *Complete this form if you are requesting equivalence arrangement approval for product(s) certified to the USDA organic regulations that will be exported to the EU, Canada, Japan, South Korea, Switzerland, Taiwan, and/or the United Kingdom. See* [*NOP International Trade Partners*](https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/organic-certification/international-trade/UK) *for complete information regarding export market requirements and organic equivalence arrangements.* *Complete and submit the Transaction Certificate Request Form available at* [*Imports and Exports – Quality Certification Services (qcsinfo.org)*](https://qcsinfo.org/imports-and-exports/) *prior to export of organic products under established equivalence arrangement(s) to obtain the appropriate transaction certificate(s).* | | | | | | | | | |
| GENERAL *To qualify for a US Equivalence Arrangement with the EU, Japan, South Korea, Switzerland, Taiwan, and the United Kingdom, the final production or the final processing/packaging of USDA certified organic product(s) must occur in the United States.* *USDA certified operations seeking U.S.-Canada Equivalence Arrangement must be located outside of Canada.*   1. Describe your operation’s activities (check all that apply):   I directly export USDA certified organic products to the EU, Canada, Japan, South Korea, Switzerland, Taiwan, and/or the UK from the US. In addition to this form, complete **OSP 07: Export Production Capacity**.  I indirectly export (through brokers/traders, etc.) USDA certified organic products to the EU, Canada, Japan, South Korea, Switzerland, Taiwan, and/or the UK from the US.  I sell USDA certified organic products as ingredients to a buyer who requires international equivalence verification.   1. Do you produce wine for export?  Yes. **Contact QCS for additional requirements**.  No 2. List below the USDA organic products intended for export and the applicable equivalence arrangement(s) needing verification. Complete the following applicable equivalence arrangement sections (Sections C-I). | | | | | | | | | |
| **Product Name  (as it appears on the Organic Product Profile)** | **Brand Name / ID Mark**  (if applicable) | **Label(s) used on products for export**  *N/A, I do not directly export products* | **USDA Equivalence Arrangement(s)**  **Check all that apply** | | | | | | |
| **EU** | **Canada** | **Japan** | **South Korea** | **Switzerland** | **Taiwan** | **UK** |
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| 1. **LABELING VERIFICATION**  *N/A, I do not label products for export*   All labels on exported products must meet the labeling requirements of the destination country. Label requirements are specific and complex and, if labeled incorrectly, product(s) may be rejected for export.See [NOP International Trade Partners](https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/organic-certification/international-trade/UK) for details on labeling requirements for each country. **All labels used for exported products must be submitted to QCS for review and approval prior to the marketing/export of the product.**   1. How will you ensure all labels for exported products are approved by QCS prior to use? | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Are all shipping containers and shipping documents for products produced in the United States, labeled as organic, and intended for export clearly marked “For Export Only”?  Yes  No. If no, please explain: | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Attach a copy of each retail and non-retail label to be used on exported products.  **Attached** | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. **US-EU ORGANIC EQUIVALENCE ARRANGEMENT**  *N/A, no products for export to the EU*   *Complete this section if you intend to export USDA certified organic products to the European Union. See* [*US-EU Equivalence Arrangement*](https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/organic-certification/international-trade/european-union) *for further details.*   1. Are the organic products requested for this equivalence produced, processed, or packaged/labeled in the United States?  Yes  No If no, please describe: | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. How will you ensure that all non-retail packages (containers, cases) for export to the EU will be labeled “For Export Only” and be accompanied by a Bill of Sale? | | | | | | | | | |
| **Country and Certifier Codes:** All labels placed on organic retail and non-retail containers that are packed by this operation must include the US country code and QCS certifier code “US-ORG-51” even if they are exported to the EU by a different operation.  *All exports to the European Union require an electronic Certificate of Inspection through the EU’s Trade Control and Expert System (TRACES) issued by the certifying agent of the final prior to products leaving the U.S. port of export. Operations exporting to the EU must register as a user in TRACES. See* [*Imports & Exports*](https://qcsinfo.org/imports-and-exports/) *to request a Transaction Certificate from QCS for products exported to the EU.* | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. **US-CANADA ORGANIC EQUIVALENCE ARRANGEMENT**  *N/A, no products for export to Canada*   *Complete this section if you are located* ***outside of Canada*** *and produce, process, or package USDA certified organic products intended for export to Canada. See* [*US-Canada Organic Equivalence Arrangement*](https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/organic-certification/international-trade/Canada) *for further details.*   1. How will you ensure that the QCS-issued Product Verification Form with the statement “*Certified in accordance with the terms of the US-Canada Organic Equivalency Arrangement*” accompanies all USDA certified organic products being exported to Canada? | | | | | | | | | |
| ***For growers:***  *N/A, I do not grow crops for export to Canada*   1. Do you use sodium (Chilean) nitrate on any of your fields or crops?  Yes  No  *Sodium nitrate is* ***prohibited*** *for use on any crop exported to Canada.* If yes, describe how you ensure no sodium nitrate is applied to crops that are intended for export to Canada: | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Do you use hydroponic or aeroponic production methods on your operation?  Yes  No  *Hydroponic/aeroponic production methods are* ***prohibited*** *for any products exported to Canada.* If yes, describe how you ensure crops intended for export to Canada are not produced using hydroponic/aeroponic methods: | | | | | | | | | |
| ***For livestock producers and/or handlers***:  *N/A, I do not produce or handle livestock products for export to Canada*   1. Do all organic non-ruminant livestock meet the stocking rates set forth in the Canadian Standard (CAN/CGSB 32.310)?   *N/A, I do not produce or handle non-ruminant livestock*  Yes  No, describe:   ***Handlers***: Attach supplier or certifier verification of livestock stocking rates for non-ruminant livestock ingredients  **Attached** | | | | | | | | | |
| ***For other processors / handlers:***   *N/A, I do not process or handle products for export to Canada*   1. Do you have supplier documentation that all ingredients used in your products for export to Canada are compliant to the terms of the US-Canadian equivalence agreement?  Yes. Attach certifier verification for each ingredient supplier.  **Attached**  No, I produce my own crops or livestock for ingredients. **Answer the relevant questions above.** | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. **US-JAPAN ORGANIC EQUIVALENCE ARRANGEMENT**  *N/A, no products for export to Japan*   ***This equivalence covers only USDA organic products that fall under the scope of the Japan organic regulations.***  *Complete this section if you plan to export USDA certified organic products to Japan. See* [*US-Japan Organic Equivalence Arrangement*](https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/organic-certification/international-trade/Japan) *for further details.*   1. Are the organic products requested for this equivalence produced, processed, or packaged/labeled in the United States?  Yes  No; If no, please describe: | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. For products using the JAS organic seal, how will the Japanese Agricultural Standards (JAS) seal be applied to product labels? (Check one)   This operation is a U.S. exporter who has a contract with a JAS-certified importer. I apply the JAS logo to my products directly for sale in either Japan or the U.S. To view a list of JAS-certified importers, see <http://bit.ly/importers-jas>.  This operation does not have a contract with a JAS-certified importer. I do not apply the JAS logo to my products prior to export. The seal will be applied by a JAS-certified importer prior to sale within Japan.  *All exports to Japan require a TM-11 Export Certificate issued by the USDA-accredited certifying agent of the final handler prior to product leaving the U.S. port of export. See* [*Imports & Exports*](https://qcsinfo.org/imports-and-exports/) *to request a TM-11 Export Certificate from QCS for products exported to Japan.* | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. **US-KOREA ORGANIC EQUIVALENCE ARRANGEMENT**  *N/A, no products for export to South Korea*   *Complete this section if you intend to export USDA certified organic products considered “processed foods” as defined by the Korean Food Code to South Korea and the final processing of your organic products occurs in the United States. See* [*US-Korea Organic Equivalence Arrangement*](https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/organic-certification/international-trade/Korea) *for further details.*   1. Are the organic products requested for this equivalence produced, processed, or packaged/labeled in the United States?  Yes  No If no, please describe: | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Do all products meet the Korean Food Code definition for “Processed Food”?  Yes  No  If no, please describe: | | | | | | | | | |
| *All exports to South Korea require a NAQS Import Certificate of Organic Processed Foods issued through e-NAQS by the certifying agent of the final handler prior to product leaving the U.S. port of export. See* [*Imports & Exports*](https://qcsinfo.org/imports-and-exports/) *to request a Transaction Certificate from QCS for products exported to South Korea.* | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. **US-TAIWAN ORGANIC EQUIVALENCE ARRANGEMENT**  *N/A, no products for export to Taiwan*   *Complete this section if you intend to export USDA certified organic products to Tawan. See* [*US-Taiwan Organic Equivalence Arrangement*](https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/organic-certification/international-trade/Taiwan) *for further details.*   1. Are the organic products requested for this equivalence produced, processed, or packaged/labeled in the United States?  Yes  No If no, please describe: | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Are any products intended for export derived from animals?  Yes  No If yes, attach certifier verification that livestock were managed without the use of systemic pain medications or analgesics, including lidocaine.  **Attached**   *All exports to Taiwan require a TM-11 Export Certificate issued by the USDA-accredited certifying agent of the final handler prior to product leaving the U.S. port of export. See* [*Imports & Exports*](https://qcsinfo.org/imports-and-exports/) *to request a TM-11 Export Certificate from QCS for products exported to Taiwan.* | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. **US-SWITZERLAND ORGANIC EQUIVALENCE ARRANGEMENT**  *N/A, no products for export to Switzerland*   *Complete this section if you intend to export USDA certified organic products to Switzerland. See* [*US-Switzerland Organic Equivalence Arrangement*](https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/organic-certification/international-trade/Switzerland) *for further details.*   1. Are the organic products requested for this equivalence produced, processed, or packaged/labeled in the United States?  Yes  No If no, please describe: | | | | | | | | | |
| *All exports to Switzerland require an electronic Certificate of Inspection through the EU’s Trade Control and Expert System (TRACES) issued by the certifying agent of the final handler prior to products leaving the U.S. port of export. Operations exporting to the EU must register as a user in TRACES. See* [*Imports & Exports*](https://qcsinfo.org/imports-and-exports/) *to request a Transaction Certificate from QCS for products exported to Switzerland.* | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. **US-UK ORGANIC EQUIVALENCE ARRANGEMENT**  *N/A, no products for export to the UK*   Complete this section if you intend to export USDA certified organic products to the United Kingdom (UK), including Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Exports to the UK-Great Britain and Northern Ireland have separate documentary requirements. See [US-UK Organic Equivalence Arrangement](https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/organic-certification/international-trade/UK) for further details.   1. Does the final production or processing/packaging of your organic product occur in the United States?  Yes  No If no, please describe: | | | | | | | | | |
| *All exports to the UK-Great Britain require a Great Britain Certificate of Inspection issued by the certifying agent of the final handler prior to products leaving the U.S. port of export. See* [*Imports & Exports*](https://qcsinfo.org/imports-and-exports/) *to request a Transaction Certificate from QCS for products exported to the UK-Great Britain.*  *All exports to the UK-Northern Ireland require an electronic Certificate of Inspection through the EU’s Trade Control and Expert System (TRACES) issued by the certifying agent of the final handler prior to products leaving the U.S. port of export. See* [*Imports & Exports*](https://qcsinfo.org/imports-and-exports/) *to request a Transaction Certificate from QCS for products exported to the UK-Northern Ireland.* | | | | | | | | | |