| **OSP 03: Labeling and Packaging** | USDA Organic Regulations §205.303-307  Regulation (EU) 2018/848 Articles 30-33 and Annex II |
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| *QCS must approve all labels and marketing materials intended for use on organic products, retail and non-retail packaging, storage containers, and commercial documents* ***prior to use****.*  **Labeling criteria for organic products:**   * USDA organic regulations: 7 CFR §205.303-307 * EU organic production rules: Chapter IV of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 (Articles 30-33) and Annex III   Refer to the QCS website for additional guidance: [Organic Labeling – Quality Certification Services (qcsinfo.org)](https://qcsinfo.org/organic-labeling-guidance-resources/) | |
| 1. **GENERAL** 2. How do you verify that only compliant labels and marketing materials are used for organic products?   I submit all labels and marketing materials to QCS for review and approval prior to use  Other. Describe:   1. Are any harvest containers, packaging materials or storage/transport containers treated with synthetic fungicide(s), preservative(s), or fumigant(s)?  Yes  No If yes, describe the container and treatment, including product(s) used: | |
| 1. **NONRETAIL CONTAINERS AND LABELS**   *Nonretail containers are any containers used to ship or store organic products and are not used for retail sale or display. Examples include produce boxes, totes, bulk containers, harvest crates, cases of wholesale packaged product, trailers, railcars, shipping containers, freighters, grain elevators, silos, or other methods of bulk transport or storage.*   * *Nonretail containers must display identification indicating that the product inside is organic, unless the container holds retail packaged product with organic identification visible on the retail label through the nonretail container (e.g., wrapped pallet of clamshells).* * *Nonretail containers must also display a production lot number, shipping identification or other unique identification that links the container to audit trail documentation.*  1. Check all types of nonretail containers used for harvesting, packing, storing, and transporting organic agricultural products:  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Waxed produce boxes  Boxes/cases  Drums  Totes/super sacks  Crates/bins | Trays  Gravity wagons  Stationary tanks  Silos/grain bins  Grain elevators | Railcars  Shipping containers  Cargo holds  Trailers  Tankers | Wrapped pallets  Freighters  Barges  Shipping vessels | | Sealed bags (foil, paper, plastic, fabric, etc.) Describe: | | | | | Other bulk container. Describe: | | | | | None, I do not use nonretail containers. *Skip to Section C.* | | | |  1. Attach full-color copies all nonretail container labels in use or planned for use.  **Attached** 2. Do all nonretail containers used to ship or store certified organic products identify the product as organic?   Yes  No, but the organic identification on the retail label is visible through the nonretail container  No. Describe:   1. How do nonretail containers used to ship or store organic products display unique identification that links the container to audit trail documentation? Check all that apply.   Lot numbering system. **Describe in** **Recordkeeping.**  Shipping identification  Other unique ID. Describe: | |
| 1. Does the audit trail documentation for nonretail containers identify the last certified operation that handled the agricultural product?  Yes  No. If no, please explain: | |
| 1. **RETAIL PACKAGING AND LABELS**  *N/A, I do not use retail packaging or retail labels. Skip to Section D.*   *Retail labels are affixed to containers or product intended to be purchased and carried home by a consumer.*   1. Check all types of retail containers/packaging used for retail sale organic agricultural products:  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Bags or pouches  Boxes  Cans/tins  Other. Describe: | Retail cartons  Clamshells  Bottles/jugs | Sleeves  CSA boxes  Aseptic packaging |  1. Do you use any retail labels for unpackaged organic product? Check all that apply.   PLU stickers  Twist ties  Plant tags  Other. Describe:  No, I do not use any retail labels for unpackaged organic product   1. Attach full-color copies of **all** retail labels (for packaged and unpackaged organic product) in use or planned for use.   **Attached** | |
| 1. **MARKETING MATERIALS** 2. Check all types of materials and methods used for marketing your operation and products:   Banners/signs (market displays). Describe:  Website. Provide URL:  Social media. Describe:  Brochures  Other: Describe:  N/A, I do not use any materials or methods for marketing my operation or products   1. Attach full-color copies of **all** marketing materials in use or planned for use.  **Attached** | |