| OHP 08: Regulation (EU) 2018/848 Compliance Affirmation | | | |
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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. **PRODUCT VERIFICATION**   List the organic products you intend to export to the EU:   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Product Name** | **Brand Name/ID Mark** | **Product Category** | **Projected amount intended for export** | **Label(s) used on products intended for export** | |  |  |  |  | Retail  Non-retail | |  |  |  |  | Retail  Non-retail | |  |  |  |  | Retail  Non-retail | |  |  |  |  | Retail  Non-retail | |  |  |  |  | Retail  Non-retail | |  |  |  |  | Retail  Non-retail | |  |  |  |  | Retail  Non-retail | |  |  |  |  | Retail  Non-retail | |  |  |  |  | Retail  Non-retail | | | | |
| 1. **INGREDIENT VERIFICATION** 2. Are all organic ingredients certified to the standards of Regulation (EU) 2018/848?  Yes  No    1. If no, are all ingredients not certified to Regulation (EU) 2018/848 certified to an equivalent standard by a control authority or control body listed in Regulation (EU) 2021/2325?  Yes  No 3. How will you ensure that all ingredients are certified to the standards of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 no later than 1 January 2025? 4. Attach documentation of the EU organic status of all ingredients.  **Attached** 5. Does your operation use any non-organic agricultural ingredients to produce organic products?  Yes  No    1. If yes, are they listed in Part B of Annex V of Regulation (EU) 2021/1165 and used in accordance with the Annex’s specified conditions and limits?  Yes  No 6. Does your operation use any non-organic food additives (including carriers) or processing aids to produce organic products?   Yes  No    1. If yes, are all products and substances listed in Part A of Annex V of Regulation (EU) 2021/1165 and used only in accordance with the Annex’s specified conditions and limits?  Yes  No | | | |
| 1. **PACKAGING & LABELING VERIFICATION** 2. Attach a copy of each label used or planned for use on EU organic products including retail labels, labels used on non-retail packages, containers, or transport units and their accompanying documentation (including labels used on products that will be handled by another operator prior to export to the EU.) QCS must review and approve all labeling prior to use.  **Attached** | | | |
| **Labeling Categories** | Agricultural products may be labeled as “organic” or “organically grown.” References to organic production shall be easily visible, clearly legible, and indelible. | | |
| **Wholesale**  **(Non-retail) Containers** | Non-retail containers and 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   Products produced in the US that are not NOP compliant must be labeled “for export only.” | | |
| **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** | The EU organic farming logo may be used 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://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2018-11/organic-logo-user-manual_en_0.pdf).   * The logo must not be smaller than 13,5 mm by 9 mm or 9mm by 6mm on very small packaging. * The country and certifier code shall be displayed above or below the EU organic farming logo. * Source of Ingredients: “Non-EU Agriculture” or “<Country of Origin> Agriculture” if the raw agricultural material was farmed outside the EU; “EU-Agriculture” if the raw agricultural material was farmed in the EU; “EU/Non-EU Agriculture” if the raw agricultural material was farmed both within and outside the EU. The origin statement 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. **EXPORT TO THE EUROPEAN UNION** 2. Does your operation export or plan to export organic or in-conversion products directly to the European Union?   Yes  No   ***If yes, complete the remainder of this section.***   1. Are you prepared to request a Certificate of Inspection (COI) and understand that it must be issued through EU TRACES prior to departure of the shipment from the country of origin?  Yes  No 2. Describe how packaging or containers used for transporting exported products are closed/sealed to prevent substitution of the content. 3. Do export packaging/containers identify the exporter?  Yes  No 4. Does your operation plan to export products that it does not produce or process, such as agricultural products that are packed on-farm?  Yes  No    1. If yes, explain how your operation performs the last preparation[[1]](#footnote-2) of the products and the sealing and labeling of containers in the consignment: | | | |
| 1. **AFFIRMATION**   I affirm that all statements made in this Regulation (EU) 2018/848 Compliance Affirmation are true and correct. I agree to provide further information as required by QCS. I accept the exchange of information among control authorities or control bodies in all cases where required as per Regulation (EU) 2018/848. I understand that if the certificate is canceled or withdrawn, QCS shall maintain the operation’s certification records for a period of at least five years and inform, without delay, the relevant competent authority and control authority. I agree to immediately inform the QCS of any suspected or confirmed irregularity or infringement affecting the organic status of this operation’s products or organic products received from other operators or subcontractors. | | | |
| Signature | | Title | Date |

1. ‘Preparation’ as defined in Regulation (EU) 2018/848 Article 3(44) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)