



# CCOF International Standard Application - Handler

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► **Complete this form to enroll in the CCOF International Standard program.**

This program is equivalent to the European Union (EU), United Kingdom (UK) and Swiss organic standards. Enrollment in the CCOF International Standard program means that CCOF will review your operation for compliance with our private standard, and will grant your operation equivalence to the EU, UK and Swiss standards.

**Enrollment in this program is ONLY required if you are located in Mexico and do one of the following:**

- Export organic product directly to the EU, UK or Switzerland.
- Provide final processing in Mexico for a product exported to the EU, UK or Switzerland.
- The CCOF International Standard program is dependent on certification to the US National Organic Program as a base level of compliance.
- Please review the CCOF [International Standard Program Manual](#) for clarifications about the program and an explanation of fees.

**A. General Information**

Operation Name:	Date:
1. Review the standards and requirements of this program in the CCOF <a href="#">International Standard Program Manual</a> .	<input type="checkbox"/> I have reviewed the CCOF International Standard Manual Comments/Questions:
2. Do you require priority mid-year review of your International Standard application? Only applicable to limited programs and where CCOF has already granted NOP organic certification.	<input type="checkbox"/> Mid-year new International Standard application review <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
3. Which international market(s) do you plan to export to?	<input type="checkbox"/> European Union <input type="checkbox"/> United Kingdom <input type="checkbox"/> Switzerland
4. What products or crops are exported directly or indirectly (as an ingredient or through brokers/traders etc) to these foreign markets?	<input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> Limited, describe:
5. You must maintain a complaint file to address complaints pertaining to your organic practices	<input type="checkbox"/> I keep a complaint file.
6. 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.

**B. Processor/Handler Production Compliance**

Management Practice/Concern	Answer	Restrictions
1. Describe your systems for separating and identifying ingredients and finished products that meet different organic standards, in order to avoid commingling errors.	<input type="checkbox"/> NA, all products meet identical standards. <input type="checkbox"/> Systems in place, please describe:	Required.
2. Do you rinse organic foods that have direct contact with Hydrogen Peroxide, Ozone, or Peracetic Acid?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, materials are rinsed. <input type="checkbox"/> NA, do not use Hydrogen Peroxide, Ozone, or Peracetic Acid in direct contact with organic food. <input type="checkbox"/> No, list products:	Required.
3. Are all suppliers/ingredients used for products seeking EU, UK or Swiss equivalence certified to EU, UK or Swiss standards, or otherwise equivalent?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, attach certificates <input type="checkbox"/> No: list suppliers/ingredients and explain your plan to avoid the use of these ingredients in products for export to the EU, UK, or Switzerland:	Required. System must be in place to separate ingredients that do not comply.
4. Do you source or receive ingredients from any uncertified suppliers (i.e. brokers, traders, distributors, importers)?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, list suppliers and explain your plan to avoid the use of these ingredients in products for export to the EU, UK, or Switzerland:	Prohibited. System must be in place to separate ingredients that do not comply.



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5. Are all co-packing locations certified to the EU, UK or Swiss standards or equivalent?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, attach certificates <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> No: list applicable products/ /co-packers/locations:	Products must be produced by/processed at EU, UK, or Swiss certified or equivalent locations and certified to the EU, UK, or Swiss standards or equivalent.
6. Have you reviewed the CCOF <a href="#">International Standard Program Manual</a> to ensure processing aids, non-organic ingredients, and/or additives used comply with the International Standard program restrictions/allowances?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, no concerns. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I am aware that International Standard program restrictions may apply to materials I use. Potential concerns include:	Some materials allowed by NOP standards may not be allowed by the International Standard Program.
7. Do wholesale containers, produce boxes or accompanying documents (BOLs etc.) contain required information?	<input type="checkbox"/> NA, no non-retail containers used <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, explain:	Required (appears on mandatory accompanying export document issued by CCOF)
8. Has any retail packaging that will be exported been submitted to CCOF for review and approval?  All labels included under your certification, including private labels or contracted production, must be disclosed to CCOF prior to production.	<input type="checkbox"/> NA, no retail packing <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, explain:	Labels must meet destination market labelling requirements. See the CCOF <a href="#">International Market Labelling Guide</a> .