

New Version of Organic Standards

This is to inform you that one or more of the organic standards that you are assessed to have been revised:

- Official Organic Assurance Programme
- Canada Organic Regime
- AsureQuality Organic Standard

Official Organic Assurance Programme

For those exporting products produced in New Zealand to USA, European Union, Switzerland, and Taiwan, or sourcing New Zealand grown horticultural products for export to Japan, two documents have changed within the last week:

- MAF Technical Rules (Version 7.1)
- Japan Overseas Market Access Requirements for Organic Products

Those of you who subscribe to the MAF website will have already been notified. The changes in the Technical Rules are minor and are marked in grey highlighting. These are available from:

Update: MAF Technical Rules at

<http://www.foodsafety.govt.nz/elibrary/industry/nzfsa-standard-registration-documents/index.htm>

Update: Japan: Organic products OMAR - Amendment 2

<http://www.foodsafety.govt.nz/elibrary/industry/japanorganicomar.pdf>

Canada Organic Regime

A revised Canadian Standard has been released (dated June 2011). Operators to be fully compliant to any changes by June 2012. Available from:

General Principles and Management Standards - **CAN/CGSB-32.310-2006** - Amended October 2008, December 2009 and June 2011

<http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/ongc-cgsb/internet/bio-org/documents/032-0310-2008-eng.pdf>

Permitted Substances Lists **CAN/CGSB-32.311-2006** - Amended October 2008, December 2009 and June 2011

<http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/ongc-cgsb/internet/bio-org/documents/032-0311-2008-eng.pdf>

As with the prior revision there is a twelve month period to be fully compliant with the new changes.

There are no indication of what the changes are but the clauses with changes noted by AsureQuality in CAN/CGSB-32.310 are :

- Land requirements 5.1.1 & 5.1.2
- Livestock living conditions - 6.8.1
- Poultry - 6.8.11.1-8
- Pigs - 6.8.13.1-9
- Maple products – 7.2
- Greenhouse crops – 7.5.1, 7.5.7
- Livestock feed - 8.2.1
- Sanitizers - 8.3.7 & 8.3.8

Changes noted in CAN/CGSB-32.311 (additions or rewording):

- 4.2 Soil Amendments – Humates

- 4.3 Crop Production Aids – aquatic plants
- 4.4 Herbicides – section removed
- 5.2 Feed additives – enzymes
- 5.3 Health Care Products – Vaccines, Formulants & Minerals
- 6.3 Non-organic additives – Gums, gelatine, & tartaric acid
- 6.4 Non-organic ingredients – starch
- 6.6 Processing aids – enzymes, sodium bicarbonate, tannic acid & tartaric acid

AsureQuality Organic Standard - Version 4

To reflect the differences between primary producers and processors the AsureQuality Organic Standard is available in either a condensed form to cover these two options or the full Standard as an e-book, with these documents available at.

<http://www.organiccertification.co.nz/asurequality-organic-standard-for-organic-certification.cfm>.

Note: Version 4 is for all new customers certified after 13/12/10, whereas existing certified operators can still use this version 3 during the phase in period which finishes on 13/12/11

Access to Standards

Please remember that you must demonstrate you have access to the standards you are assessed on. This can be either a hard copy of each standard or access to an electronic copy. If you lose this notice and can't find a copy of the links then go to our market access page:

<http://www.organiccertification.co.nz/why-go-organic-certification-with-asurequality/global-market-access-gained-with-asurequality-organic-certification.cfm>

Please note that the AsureQuality Organic Website has a RSS icon, which is a web feed format. RSS feeds can be read using RSS reader software. If you have RSS reader software you can subscribe to the feed by entering into the reader the feed's URI, or by clicking the feed icon on the AsureQuality website in a web browser to initiate the subscription process. The RSS reader checks the user's subscribed feeds regularly for new work, downloads any updates that it finds.

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