

What is the United States Department of Agriculture's National Organic Program?

USDA's National Organic Program (NOP) is a federal regulatory program that develops and enforces consistent national standards for organically produced agricultural products sold in the United States.

What is changing?

Under USDA's Strengthening Organic Enforcement (SOE) Final Rule, importers of organic products must submit a NOP certificate to their broker with every shipment of organic products. Also, more parties in the supply chain, including importers and exporters of organic product will need to be certified.

When is this effective?

Mandatory reporting of NOP Import Certificates became effective on March 19, 2024.

When should I begin this process?

If you are not certified yet, you should start this process immediately.

What if my products are not organic?

Please submit a disclaimer or indicate on your shipment paperwork that your products are not organic. Failure to indicate shipment(s) as non-organic on your documents can cause delays in entry processing.

What if my products are organic?

If your products are organic, please attach a copy of the applicable NOP Import Certificate information to your shipment paperwork in whatever form is most practical, we will accept a spreadsheet. We cannot accept any other type of organic certificate such as an organics operation certification. At a minimum, we need the NOP 21-character certificate number provided on your shipment paperwork. All shipment paperwork must identify the products as organic.

Important:

If your NOP Import Certificate does not have a 21-character certificate number, we need to transmit more data to AMS. In addition to needing a copy of the NOP Import Certificate, ensure all parties on the certificate have a contact name, phone number, and e-mail address listed. Provide each parties NOP ID if known.

RESOURCES:

[Blank NOP Certificate](#)

[NOP Import Certification Example](#)

[AMS NOP Strengthening Organic Enforcement](#)

[AMS National Organic Program](#)

[AMS CATAIR Guidelines](#)

[AMS Organic Disclaim Letter](#)

[Deringer AMS Organics Disclaim Form](#)

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