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Organic Export Requirement: Taiwan OMAR

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REPLACEMENT

This OMAR replaces Overseas Market Access Requirements Taiwan: Organic products Amendment 3, issued 7 March 2016.

ISSUING BODY

This Organic Export Requirement is issued by the Ministry for Primary Industries in relation to the Official Organic Assurance Programme.

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Introduction

This introduction is not part of the Organic Export Requirement, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to outline the specific requirements that must be met to export organic produced in compliance with the Official Organic Assurance Programme (OOAP) into Taiwan.

Background

This document sets out the overseas market access requirements (OMARs) that must be met for consignments of organic products exported under the OOAP to Taiwan.

Official Organic Assurances declares that the product conforms with the importing countries organic regulatory requirements. Exporters are responsible for ensuring their consignments comply with all other relevant regulatory requirements of the importing country. Exporters are recommended to check the MPI website for these requirements (<http://www.mpi.govt.nz/exporting/>).

MPI issued OMARs override any advice your importer may have, but where MPI has no advice on a specific topic, your importer can also be an important source of information on the regulatory requirements of their countries.

Who should read this Organic Export Requirement?

- Operators (including exporters) producing products under the OOAP for export to Taiwan.
- Exporters exporting organic products under the OOAP to Taiwan.
- MPI recognised Third Party Agencies (TPAs) providing evaluation and verification services under the OOAP.

Document History

Refer Appendix 1.

Why is this important?

This OMAR sets out the requirements that must be met for MPI to certify that the organic product meets the requirements New Zealand has negotiated with the government of Taiwan. It should be noted that although product may conform to these requirements and be given an Official Assurance (where relevant, by way of an Export Certificate); the importing country ultimately retains control over what product it clears for entry.

Other information

The information written under the heading 'Guidance' contained within a border throughout this OMAR is for guidance and is not part of the administrative requirements.

Part 1: Requirements

1.1 Application

- (1) This organic OMAR applies to:
 - a) operators participating in the OOAP producing, supplying for export or exporting products to Taiwan;
 - b) Third Party Agencies (TPAs) operating under the OOAP.
- (2) The following categories of organic products may be exported to Taiwan under the OOAP:
 - a) raw or processed organic agricultural products;
 - b) raw or processed organic livestock products (excluding apiary products).

1.2 Definitions

- (1) In this OMAR:

MPI means the Ministry for Primary Industries which is the Ministry responsible for administering the Official Organic Assurance Programme

Official organic assurance means an official assurance attesting to the organic status of consignments exported under the OOAP

OOAP means the Official Organic Assurance Programme.
- (2) All terms used in this OMAR and that are defined in Accreditation, Recognition, and Performance Measurement Criteria for Third Party Agencies and their Personnel – Organic Products (NZFSA Standard OP 1) (Standard OP1), Third Party Agency Responsibilities – Organic Products (NZFSA Standard OP2) (Standard OP2) or Registration and Performance Measurement Criteria for Operators – Organic Products (NZFSA Standard OP3) (Standard OP3), but not defined in this OMAR, have the same meaning as in these Standards.

1.3 Standards to be met

- (1) Operators must meet the requirements of Standard OP3, including Appendix 2 Technical Rules for Organic Production (the Technical Rules).

Guidance

- Standard OP3 is listed on the MPI website: <http://www.mpi.govt.nz/exporting/food/organics/requirements/>

- (2) TPAs recognised by MPI under the OOAP must meet the requirements of:
 - a) Standard OP1
 - b) Standard OP2

Guidance

- Standard OP1 and Standard OP2 are listed on the MPI website: <http://www.mpi.govt.nz/exporting/food/organics/requirements/>

- (3) Processed products exported to Taiwan under the MPI OOAP must be produced using only the additives listed in the current version of Appendix 1, Table 2 of the Taiwan Organic Agricultural Product and Organic Agricultural Processed Product Certification Management Regulations.

- (4) Additives and processing aids listed in Tables 4.1.1 and 4.2 of the Technical Rules must not be used in processed products exported to Taiwan under the OOAP.
- (5) Animal products exported to Taiwan labelled or represented as organic must not be derived from any animal treated with antibiotics.
- (6) Milk and milk products from conventional dairy animals treated with antibiotics may be sold as organic if the animals have been:
 - a) converted to organic; and
 - b) under continuous organic management for 1 year.
- (7) The sulphur dioxide content of organic grape wine exported to Taiwan under the MPI OOAP must not exceed 100 milligrams per litre.

Guidance

- The Technical Rules for Organic Production (Standard OP3, Appendix 2) is listed on the MPI website: <http://www.mpi.govt.nz/exporting/food/organics/requirements/>
- The Taiwan Organic Agricultural Product and Organic Agricultural Processed Product Certification Management Regulations Organic Regulations is listed on the Council of Agriculture website: <http://law.coa.gov.tw/GLRSnewsout/EngLawContent.aspx?Type=E&id=215>
- The Technical Rules for Organic Wine (Standard OP3, Appendix 2, Chapter 8A) is listed on the MPI website: <http://www.mpi.govt.nz/exporting/food/organics/requirements/>

1.4 Official assurances

- (1) An export certificate from the exporters TPA is required for each consignment of organic products exported to Taiwan. The certificate must include the following statement:
 - a) “This is to certify that products designated above have been obtained in accordance with the [TPA name] Organic Standards. The products are in accordance with the MPI rules for Organic Products exported to Taiwan.”.

Guidance

- Exporters should contact their TPA directly for this certificate.

- (2) From 1 January 2018, all consignments of organic products exported to Taiwan under the OOAP must be registered with MPI.

Guidance

- The form for registering consignments of organic products can be found on the MPI website at: <http://mpi.govt.nz/document-vault/68>
- The consignment registration process includes verification of consignment eligibility by the TPA. MPI will notify registered exporters of the outcome of verification once this is completed.
- In order to allow enough time for the verification process to be completed, consignments should be registered with MPI at least 3 working days before loading.

1.5 Additional requirements

1.5.1 Registration as an Organic Exporter under the OOAP

- (1) Consignments exported to Taiwan under the MPI OOAP must be exported via an MPI registered organic exporter.

Guidance

- The application form for registering as an organic exporter can be found on the MPI website at: <http://mpi.govt.nz/document-vault/17>

1.5.2 Organic grape wine labelling

- (1) Wine from the 2016 vintage onward must be labelled as “organic wine”.
- (2) Wine from the 2015 vintage may be labelled as “organic wine” or “wine made from organic grapes”.
- (3) Wine from the 2014 or earlier vintages may continue to be marketed as “wine made from organic grapes” until stocks are exhausted.

Appendix 1: Document history

| No. | Version Date | Section Changed | Change(s) Description |
|-----|---------------|--|--|
| 1 | 3 June 2010 | First publication | |
| 2 | 01 March 2011 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changed from NZFSA to MAF |
| 3 | 07 March 2016 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General • Section 1.1 • Section 1.3 • Section 1.5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changed from MAF to MPI • Clarified who OMAR applies to • Clarified products categories • Added requirements for organic wine • Added link to MPI exporting NZ grape wine requirements website |
| 4 | This version | All sections | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated to MPI template • Added requirement for processed products |