



National Organic Program Certification Application

Organization Name: _____

Type of Organization: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Address: _____
Number and Street Name

_____ *City* _____ *State* _____ *Postal Code* _____ *Country*

Name of Person Responsible for Certification Program: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Address: _____
Number and Street Name

_____ *City* _____ *State* _____ *Postal Code* _____ *Country*

Have you ever applied for certification any other organic certifying agent or agents? _____

(If yes, you must supply the names of all certifying agents with which you have applied, the date of application to those certifying agents and the results of these applications. Copies of all noncompliance notifications, denials of certification, and a description of the corrective actions taken including evidence of the corrective action for these noncompliances.)

The applicant shall attach a copy of the organization's organic production or handling system plan.

The applicant shall attach any additional information which would assist in the determination of the applicant's compliance with the requirements of the National Organic Program.

In submitting this signed application, the above named organization is declaring its commitment to compliance with the principles and requirements of the USDA National Organic Program. This declaration also includes the commitment to pay any and all fees imposed by the NOP Program and the fees and expenses incurred by PrimusLabs.com as the Certifying Agent in the performance of the inspection and certification activities.

Authorizing Signature

Print Name

Date

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Application Receipt Date: _____

Registration Effective Date: _____

Registration Number: **PLC-** _____

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Exemptions and Exclusions from Certification

Exemptions:

In accordance with the National Organic Program standard (7 CFR Part 205) as specified in Section 205.101; the following are exempt from the requirements for certification under this standard:

- a. Production or handling operations that sell agricultural products as "organic" but whose gross agricultural income from organic sales annually does not exceed \$5000;
- b. Handling operations or portions of handling operations that only handle agricultural products which contain less than 70 percent organic ingredients by total weight (excluding water and salt) of the finished product;
- c. Handling operations or portions of handling operations that only identify organic ingredients on the information panel;
- d. Retail food establishments or portions of a retail food establishment that handle organically produced agricultural products, but does not process them.

Note: While exempt from certification, operations in a, b & c above are still subject to specific portions of the NOP standard for handling, labeling and recordkeeping requirements. These are available at www.ams.usda.gov/nop/ or from PrimusLabs.com upon request.

Exclusions:

In accordance with the National Organic Program standard (7 CFR Part 205) as specified in Section 205.101; the following are excluded from the requirements for certification under this standard:

- a. Handling operations or portions of handling operations that only sell organic agricultural products which are labeled as "100 percent organic", "organic" or "made with organic (specified ingredients or food groups)" that:
 - (1) are packaged or otherwise enclosed in a container prior to being received or acquired by this operation, and
 - (2) remain in the same package or container and are not otherwise processed while in the control of the handling operation.
- b. Retail food establishments or portions of retail food establishments that process on their premises, raw and ready-to-eat food from agricultural products that were previously labeled as "100 percent organic", "organic" or "made with organic (specified ingredients or food groups)".

Note: While excluded from certification, operations in a & b above are still subject to specific portions of the NOP standard for commingling, contact with prohibited substances and labeling requirements. These are available at www.ams.usda.gov/nop/ or from PrimusLabs.com upon request.

The applicant must submit a letter stating which exemption or exclusion applies to their operation and requesting evaluation of the stated exemption or exclusion. The applicant must include any and all documentation to support their request for said exemption or exclusion.

After evaluation the applicant will be notified in writing of the approval or rejection of their exemption or exclusion request and the reason for rejection, if applicable.