

CERTIFICATION PROCEDURE

REQUESTING FOR ORGANIC CERTIFICATION APPLICATION PACKET

A PERSON, GROUP, OR ENTITY, SEEKING CERTIFICATION OF ITS OPERATION WILL BE SUPPLIED WITH THE APPLICABLE APPLICATION PACKET AND PUBLISHED TARIFF. THE CLIENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING THE DOCUMENTS STATED IN OSP, WHICH WILL BE USED THROUGHOUT THE CERTIFICATION STEPS DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION.

APPLICATION

THE APPLICATION AND OSP INCLUDES COMPILATION OF WHOLE INFORMATION ABOUT THE APPLICANT AND HIS / HER ACTIVITIES, SCOPE OF CERTIFICATION AND HIS / HER STATEMENT TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SAPS FOR THE CERTIFICATION ITSELF.

THE APPLICANT IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE APPLICATION, OSP AND SUBMIT ALONG WITH ALL THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS STATED IN RECORD KEEPING SECTION.

OPERATOR SHOULD NOT USE PUT UP FOR SALE ANY PRODUCT “REPRESENTED AS ORGANIC” OR BEARING THE WORD ORGANIC OR ITS DERIVATIVES UNTIL IT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY THE SAPS CERTIFIER THAT THE PRODUCTS ARE CERTIFIED.

CANADIAN ORGANIC STANDARDS SPECIFIC REQUIREMENT : TIME OF APPLICATION

IN THE CASE OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE ORGANIC CERTIFICATION OF A FOOD COMMODITY, THE APPLICATION MUST BE FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS BEFORE THE DAY ON WHICH THE FOOD COMMODITY IS EXPECTED TO BE SOLD OR, IN THE CASE OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE ORGANIC CERTIFICATION OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING FOOD COMMODITIES, AT LEAST 15 MONTHS BEFORE THAT DAY:

- (B) FIELD CROPS OR CROPS THAT ARE GROWN IN GREENHOUSES WITH AN IN-GROUND PERMANENT SOIL SYSTEM;
- (C) WILD CROPS WITHIN THE MEANING OF CAN/CGSB-32.312; AND
- (D) AQUACULTURE PRODUCTS WITH A PRODUCTION CYCLE OF MORE THAN 12 MONTHS.

APPLICATION REVIEW

AFTER RECEIVING APPLICATION, ORGANIC SYSTEM PLAN EVALUATOR REVIEWS ENTIRE INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY OPERATOR TO ENSURE THAT THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLIENT AND THE PRODUCT IS SUFFICIENT FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS.

INSPECTION

SAPS ASSIGNS INSPECTOR WHO IS APPROPRIATELY QUALIFIED, WHO DOESN'T HAVE ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH THE OPERATION AND TRAINED TO UNDERTAKE THE INSPECTION ACCORDING TO APPLIED CERTIFICATION SCHEME. THE INSPECTION CONSISTS OF SEVERAL STEPS- THE AUDIT WILL COMMENCE WITH AN OPENING MEETING, VERIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS. FLOW OF AUDIT SHALL BE - OFFICE VISIT, FACILITY/FARM VISIT, PREMISES INSPECTION, STORAGE HOUSE VISIT, AND DOCUMENT VERIFICATION, LIST OF FINDINGS IDENTIFIED (NON-COMPLIANCE/CONFORMITY REPORT). THE AUDIT WILL CONCLUDE WITH AN AUDITOR'S EXIT MEETING AND THE AUDITOR WILL CONFIRM TIMINGS DURING THE AUDIT.

REVIEW/EVALUATION OF INSPECTION RECORDS

THE SAPS HAS ASSIGNED EVALUATOR TO REVIEW/ EVALUATE ALL INFORMATION AND RESULTS RELATED TO THE INSPECTION. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A CERTIFICATION DECISION BASED ON THE EVALUATION OF INSPECTION REPORT AND NON-CONFORMITY CLOSING SHALL BE DOCUMENTED, UNLESS THE REVIEW/EVALUATION OF INSPECTION RECORDS AND THE CERTIFICATION DECISION ARE COMPLETED CONCURRENTLY BY THE SAME PERSON.

CERTIFICATION DECISION

SAPS TAKES FULL RESPONSIBILITY OF ITS CERTIFICATION DECISION AND SHALL RETAIN AUTHORITY FOR, ITS DECISION RELATING TO CERTIFICATION. THE DECISION ON CERTIFICATION WILL BE TAKEN BY COMPETENT PERSONS OF CERTIFIER WHO HAVE A LEVEL OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE SUFFICIENT TO EVALUATE THE INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE EVALUATION PROCESS AND WHO IS DIFFERENT FROM THE ONE WHO HAS DONE THE INSPECTION (EVALUATION). NO OUTSIDE PERSON OR BODY IS DELEGATED FOR GRANTING, MAINTAINING, EXTENDING, SUSPENDING OR WITHDRAWING CERTIFICATION AND ANY CERTIFICATION RELATED WORK.

GRANTING OF CERTIFICATE

THOSE OPERATORS WHOSE SYSTEMS/PRODUCTS ARE FOUND TO BE CONFORMING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF CERTIFICATION SCHEME ARE PROVIDED WITH AN OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE.

CONTINUATION OF CERTIFICATION/RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATION

TO MAINTAIN AND CONTINUE CERTIFICATION, A CERTIFIED OPERATION MUST ANNUALLY APPLY FOR CONTINUED ORGANIC CERTIFICATION AND SUBMIT CERTIFICATION CHANGES ON THE ORGANIC SYSTEM PLAN WITHOUT ANY DELAY ONCE EVERY 12-MONTH PERIOD, WHICH BEGINS ON THE DAY ON WHICH THE CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED.

THE HOLDER OF THE CERTIFICATE TO SUBMIT THEIR INTENTION TO MAINTAIN CERTIFICATION NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT IS 6 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE END OF THE EXPIRY OF CERTIFICATE AND THE HOLDER SHALL COMPLETE RECERTIFICATION DOCUMENTATION AT LEAST BEFORE THREE MONTHS OF EXPIRY .

DENIAL OF CERTIFICATION

WHEN SAPS CERTIFIER HAS REASON TO BELIEVE, BASED ON A REVIEW OF THE INFORMATION THAT AN APPLICANT FOR CERTIFICATION IS NOT ABLE TO COMPLY OR IS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE STANDARDS, EITHER BECAUSE OPERATIONS RESULTING IN THE PRODUCTS INCLUDED IN THE APPLICATION ARE STILL NONCOMPLIANT WITH REQUIREMENTS OR SIMPLY BECAUSE THE APPLICANT DID NOT RESPOND TO THE NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANCE. SAPS CERTIFIER IN THREE WORKING DAYS MUST PROVIDE A WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF DENIAL OF CERTIFICATION.

WHEN SAPS RECEIVES A NEW APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION, WHICH INCLUDES A NOTIFICATION OF NONCOMPLIANCE OR A NOTICE OF DENIAL OF CERTIFICATION, SAPS CERTIFIER MUST TREAT THE APPLICATION AS A NEW APPLICATION AND BEGIN A NEW APPLICATION PROCESS.

IF SAPS HAS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT AN APPLICANT FOR CERTIFICATION HAS WILFULLY MADE A FALSE STATEMENT OR OTHERWISE PURPOSEFULLY MISREPRESENTED THE APPLICANT'S OPERATION; SAPS CERTIFIER SHALL DENY CERTIFICATION WITHOUT FIRST ISSUING A NOTIFICATION OF NONCOMPLIANCE.

IF OPERATOR FAILS TO SUBMIT CORRECTIVE ACTION TO QUALIFY FOR CERTIFICATION, AFTER INSPECTION OF THE UNIT, AND NON-COMPLIANCE ISSUED BY INSPECTOR, ISSUE THE OPERATOR A WRITTEN NOTICE OF DENIAL OF CERTIFICATION BY THE CERTIFIER.

THE CERTIFIER SHALL NOTIFY THE CLIENT OF A DECISION NOT TO GRANT CERTIFICATION, WHEN CERTIFICATION IS DENIED, WITHDRAWN OR SUSPENDED; THE REASONS SHALL BE CLEARLY STATED AND SHALL IDENTIFY THE REASONS FOR THE DECISION IN THREE WORKING DAYS AFTER TAKING OF DECISION.

WITHDRAWAL OF CERTIFICATION

AT ANY TIME CLIENTS SHOULD WITHDRAW CERTIFICATE THROUGH WRITTEN NOTIFICATION. THE CLIENT MUST CEASE ALL CLAIMS OF THE SAPS LOGO AND NAME, DESTROY OR RETURN ALL CERTIFICATES, LABELLING AND MARKETING MATERIAL CONTAINING REFERENCE OF SAPS. WHEN A CERTIFIED OPERATOR DOES NOT RENEW A CERTIFICATION OF ITS PRODUCT AFTER THREE MONTHS OF EXPIRY OF SCOPE CERTIFICATE. CERTIFIER SHALL FORMALLY NOTIFY THIS OPERATOR WITHIN FIVE WORKING DAYS AFTER EXPIRY THAT THEIR CERTIFICATION IS WITHDRAWN.

CHANGES AFFECTING CERTIFICATION

WHEN THE CERTIFICATION SCHEME INTRODUCES NEW OR REVISED REQUIREMENTS THAT AFFECT THE CLIENT, THE SAPS SHALL ENSURE THESE CHANGES ARE COMMUNICATED TO ALL CLIENTS. THE CERTIFICATION BODY SHALL VERIFY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHANGES BY ITS CLIENTS AND SHALL TAKE ACTIONS REQUIRED BY THE SCHEME.

THE SAPS SHALL CONSIDER OTHER CHANGES AFFECTING CERTIFICATION, INCLUDING CHANGES INITIATED BY THE CLIENT, AND SHALL DECIDE UPON THE APPROPRIATE ACTION.

THE ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT CHANGES AFFECTING CERTIFICATION SHALL INCLUDE, IF REQUIRED, EVALUATION, REVIEW, DECISION, ISSUANCE OF REVISED FORMAL CERTIFICATION DOCUMENTATION TO EXTEND OR REDUCE THE SCOPE OF CERTIFICATION, ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATION DOCUMENTATION OF REVISED SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES (IF SURVEILLANCE IS PART OF THE CERTIFICATION SCHEME). CERTIFIER IS RESPONSIBLE TO IMPLEMENT AND MAINTAIN RECORDS OF SUCH ACTIVITIES.

TERMINATION, REDUCTION, SUSPENSION OR WITHDRAWAL OF CERTIFICATION

WHEN A NONCONFORMITY WITH CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS IS SUBSTANTIATED, EITHER AS A RESULT OF SURVEILLANCE OR OTHERWISE, THE SAPS SHALL CONSIDER AND DECIDE UPON THE APPROPRIATE ACTION.

APPROPRIATE ACTION CAN INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- A) CONTINUATION OF CERTIFICATION UNDER CONDITIONS SPECIFIED BY THE CERTIFICATION BODY (E.G. INCREASED SURVEILLANCE);
- B) REDUCTION IN THE SCOPE OF CERTIFICATION TO REMOVE NONCONFORMING PRODUCT VARIANTS;
- C) SUSPENSION OF THE CERTIFICATION PENDING REMEDIAL ACTION BY THE CLIENT;
- D) WITHDRAWAL OF THE CERTIFICATION.

APPEAL:

IN THE INCIDENT OF AN OPERATOR, WISHING TO APPEAL AGAINST ANY CERTIFICATION DECISION. THE OPERATOR NEEDS TO LODGE FORMAL APPEAL AGAINST SUCH DECISION WITH SAPS CEO WITHIN 21 CALENDAR DAYS FROM THE OPERATOR AFTER BEING OFFICIALLY INFORMED OF SUCH A DECISION. THE APPEAL IS REGISTERED AND QUALITY MANAGER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SENDING OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO THE OPERATOR IN SEVEN WORKING DAYS.

CEO REVIEWS THE APPEAL AND WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF SUCH AN APPEAL AND IF AGREED WITH OPERATORS' ARGUMENT THE ORIGINAL DECISION IS REVISED. IF CEO IS NOT AGREED WITH OPERATOR'S ARGUMENT THE DECISION REMAINS UNCHANGED.

THE APPELLANT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO FURTHER APPEAL THE DECISION OF CEO. THE APPEAL THEN IS FORWARDED TO THE APPEAL COMMITTEE. APPEAL COMMITTEE CALLS FOR MEETING, THE APPELLANT WILL BE GIVEN 7 CLEAR DAYS' NOTICE OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF SUCH A MEETING. THE DECISION OF APPEAL COMMITTEE SHALL STAND. AT SUCH A MEETING, REPRESENTATIVES OF SAPS AND THE APPELLANT SHALL BE ENTITLED TO BE HEARD IN CONFIDENCE. THE DECISION OF THE MAJORITY OF THE APPEAL COMMITTEE AS DECLARED BY ITS CHAIRMAN SHALL BE FINAL. CERTIFIER, EVALUATOR, QUALITY MANAGER AND THE CEO SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE APPEAL COMMITTEE.

PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR A DECISION THAT IS BEING OR ANY PERSON HAVING CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN THE MATTER WILL NOT HANDLE THE APPEAL. THE PERSON WHO HAS CONDUCTED INSPECTION/CERTIFICATION CAN'T BE PART OF CERTIFICATION DECISION RELATED TO APPEAL.

QUALITY MANAGER RETAINS ALL THE RECORDS PERTAINING TO THE HANDLING OF AN APPEAL IN THE DISCIPLINE REGISTER. CEO WILL TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS ON THE DECISIONS OF THE APPEAL COMMITTEE AND RECORDS THE SAME IN THE REGISTER. PROGRESS REPORTS WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE APPELLANT FROM TIME TO TIME. IN CASE THE OPERATOR/CERTIFICATE HOLDER IS NOT SATISFIED WITH THE SAPS APPEAL PROCESS THEN, THE

CERTIFICATE HOLDER CAN SUBMIT A COMPLAINT AGAINST THE SAPS TO THE CAEQ RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OVERSIGHT OF THE SAPS.

COMPLAINTS:

SAPS CONSIDERS COMPLAINTS RELATED TO ITS OPERATIONS AND THOSE AGAINST CERTIFIED OPERATORS. COMPLAINT RECEIVED FROM ANY OPERATOR (E.G., PRODUCERS, CONTRACT PRODUCERS, PROCESSORS, HANDLERS, ETC) OR FROM OTHER PARTIES SUCH AS INTERESTED STAKEHOLDERS OR THE GENERAL PUBLIC DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ANY PARTIALITY TO SPECIFIC GROUP OR MEMBERS.

COMPLAINTS SHOULD BE

- APPEAL RELATED TO CERTIFICATION DECISIONS
- COMPLAINTS FROM HOLDERS OF CERTIFICATES REGARDING THE SAPS'S PROGRAM APPLICATION
- COMPLAINTS FROM OUTSIDE PERSONS OR ORGANIZATIONS ABOUT THE SAPS'S OPERATION

INVESTIGATE THE COMPLAINT FOR ITS CAUSE AND PREPARE AN INVESTIGATION REPORT OF ITS DELIBERATION AND PUT IT UP TO THE CEO IN A WORKING FIFTEEN DAYS FROM RECEIPT OF SUCH COMPLAINTS.

HAVING CONSIDERED THE REPORT, THE CEO CAN ORDER CORRECTIVE ACTION TO BE TAKEN IN A TWO WORKING DAYS. THE DECISION OF THE CEO WILL BE RECORDED IN THE COMPLAINT REGISTER AND ANY DECISION REQUIRING CORRECTIVE ACTION TO BE TAKEN WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE QUALITY MANAGER. CEO WILL CHECK THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN.

COMPLAINT SHOULD BE RESOLVED EFFICIENT MANNER NO MORE THAN 90 WORKING DAYS, ANY ISSUES RELATED TO THIS SHALL BE DOCUMENTED BY QUALITY MANAGER AND APPROVAL SHALL BE TAKEN FROM CEO. WHEN A COMPLAINT IS RESOLVED, QUALITY MANAGER SHOULD DOCUMENT RESOLUTION AND RESPONSIBLE TO FORWARD TO THE COMPLAINANT AND THE INTERESTED PARTY IN A WAY THAT DOES NOT PREJUDICE THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE PARTY CONCERNED IN A TWO WORKING DAYS.

DISPUTES:

ANY DISPUTE WITH RESPECT TO DENIAL OF CERTIFICATION OR PROPOSED SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF APPLIED ORGANIC CERTIFICATION REQUEST FOR MEDIATION. MEDIATION SHALL BE REQUESTED IN WRITING TO SAPS. IF SAPS REJECTS THE REQUEST FOR MEDIATION, SAPS CERTIFIER SHALL NOTIFY THE CLIENT AND SHALL ADVISE CLIENT THE RIGHT TO REQUEST AN APPEAL PURSUANT WITHIN 15 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF REJECTION. IF SAPS ACCEPTS THE REQUEST FOR MEDIATION, SUCH MEDIATION SHALL BE CONDUCTED BY A QUALIFIED MEDIATOR MUTUALLY AGREED UPON BY THE PARTIES TO THE MEDIATION. THE PARTIES OF THE MEDIATION SHALL HAVE NO MORE THAN 30 DAYS TO REACH AN AGREEMENT FOLLOWING A MEDIATION SESSION. ANY AGREEMENT REACHED DURING OR AS A RESULT OF THE MEDIATION PROCESS SHALL BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE APPLIED ORGANIC CERTIFICATION. IF MEDIATION IS UNSUCCESSFUL, THE CLIENT SHALL HAVE 30 DAYS FROM TERMINATION OF MEDIATION TO APPEAL TO SAPS PURSUANT TO APPEALS.

SUSPENSION & CANCELLATION AS PER COR STANDARDS:

TO GUARANTEE INDEPENDENCE AND IMPARTIALITY ABOUT PROPOSAL FOR CERTIFICATION IN CASE OF SUSPENSION, SANCTION SHALL BE DONE AS PER SAPS SUSPENSION, CANCELLATION PROCEDURE AND SANCTIONS AS PER THE SANCTION CATALOGUE. ALL SUSPENSIONS AND CANCELLATION REPORTS SHALL INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE OPERATOR, THE DATE OF ISSUE AND THE REASON FOR THE ACTION.

AFTER SUSPENSION CERTIFIER SHOULD COMMUNICATE THE FOLLOWING TO THE CLIENT:

- ACTIONS NEEDED TO END SUSPENSION AND RESTORE CERTIFICATION FOR THE PRODUCT(S) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CERTIFICATION SCHEME;
- ANY OTHER ACTIONS REQUIRED BY THE CERTIFICATION SCHEME.

THE SAPS CERTIFIER SHALL REINSTATE SUSPENDED CERTIFICATION ONLY AFTER THE CFIA HAS BEEN NOTIFIED AND THE DATE OF THE CERTIFICATION REINSTATEMENT IS POSTED ON THE CFIA PUBLISHED LIST OF SUSPENDED AND CANCELLED ORGANIC CERTIFICATIONS.

THE SAPS CERTIFIER SHALL NOT GRANT CERTIFICATION TO AN OPERATOR WHO HAD ITS CERTIFICATION PREVIOUSLY CANCELLED AND WHOSE NAME APPEARS ON THE CFIA PUBLISHED LIST OF SUSPENDED AND CANCELLED ORGANIC CERTIFICATIONS UNLESS THE OPERATOR HAS SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION OF AGRICULTURAL



PRODUCT TO A CFIA ACCREDITED CB AS PER SECTION C.2, HAS COMPLETED THE ORGANIC CERTIFICATION PROCESS AND THE CB HAS RECEIVED A CONFIRMATION FROM THE CFIA THAT THE DATE OF THE CERTIFICATION REINSTATEMENT IS POSTED ON THE CFIA LIST.

THE SAPS CERTIFIER SHALL SUBMIT TO THE CFIA A REQUEST FOR REMOVING THE NAME OF THE HOLDER OF CERTIFICATE FROM THE LIST OF CANCELLED HOLDERS OF CERTIFICATES POSTED ON THE CFIA WEB SITE.

THE SAPS CERTIFIER SHALL PROCEED WITH GRANTING A CERTIFICATION AFTER RECEIVING CONFORMATION FROM THE CFIA THAT THE OPERATOR IS REMOVED FROM THE CFIA LIST.

ANY EVALUATIONS, REVIEWS OR DECISIONS NEEDED TO RESOLVE THE SUSPENSION, OR THAT ARE REQUIRED BY THE CERTIFICATION SCHEME, SHALL BE COMPLETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPLICABLE STANDARD APPLICATION, INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION PROCEDURE.

IF CERTIFICATION IS TERMINATED (BY REQUEST OF THE CLIENT), SUSPENDED OR WITHDRAWN, THE CERTIFIER SHALL TAKE ACTIONS SPECIFIED BY THE CERTIFICATION SCHEME AND SHALL MAKE ALL NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS TO FORMAL CERTIFICATION DOCUMENTS, PUBLIC INFORMATION, AUTHORIZATIONS FOR USE OF MARKS, ETC., IN ORDER TO ENSURE IT PROVIDES NO INDICATION THAT THE PRODUCT CONTINUES TO BE CERTIFIED WITHIN THREE WORKING DAYS AFTER TAKING DECISION ON TERMINATION (BY REQUEST OF THE CLIENT), SUSPENSION OR WITHDRAWN.

IF A SCOPE OF CERTIFICATION IS REDUCED, THE CERTIFIER SHALL TAKE ACTIONS SPECIFIED BY THE CERTIFICATION SCHEME AND IN THREE WORKING DAYS SHALL MAKE ALL NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS TO FORMAL CERTIFICATION DOCUMENTS, PUBLIC INFORMATION, AUTHORIZATIONS FOR USE OF MARKS, ETC., IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE REDUCED SCOPE OF CERTIFICATION IS CLEARLY COMMUNICATED TO THE CLIENT AND CLEARLY SPECIFIED IN CERTIFICATION DOCUMENTATION AND PUBLIC INFORMATION.

IF CERTIFICATION IS REINSTATED AFTER SUSPENSION, THE CERTIFIER IN THREE WORKING DAYS SHALL MAKE ALL NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS TO FORMAL CERTIFICATION DOCUMENTS, PUBLIC INFORMATION, AUTHORIZATIONS FOR USE OF MARKS, ETC., IN ORDER TO ENSURE ALL APPROPRIATE INDICATIONS, EXIST THAT THE PRODUCT CONTINUES TO BE CERTIFIED.

CANCELLED OPERATOR WHO WISHES TO BE REINSTATED MUST APPLY AS A NEW APPLICANT TOWARDS SAPS.

SAPS CERTIFIER SHALL ENSURE FOLLOWING CONDITION FOR THE CANCELLED OPERATOR WHO WISH TO REINSTATED:

- ✓ THE PRODUCTION UNIT (THE APPLICANT) MUST BE UNDER SAPS OVERSIGHT FOR AT LEAST 12 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS PRIOR TO THE HARVEST OF A PRODUCT IN ORDER FOR IT TO BE COVERED BY THE ORGANIC CERTIFICATE (ISSUED BY THE SAPS AT THE END OF THE 12 MONTHS).
- ✓ AN APPLICANT CANNOT MARKET PRODUCTS HARVESTED DURING OR PRIOR TO THE START OF THE 12 MONTHS OF OVERSIGHT AS ORGANIC.
- ✓ FOR THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE STANDARD TO BE MET, THE OVERSIGHT IS BASED ON THE TIME OF HARVEST, AND NOT THE EXPECTED TIME OF SALE.

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