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## NOTICE OF

## RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF CERTIFIED OPERATIONS

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DATE OF NOTICE: September 17, 2013

We are pleased to enclose your Certificate approving your organic operation. Please note that the certification must be updated annually. An Annual Updated Organic Production or Handling System Plan must be submitted to Organic Certifiers at least 60 days prior to 9/11/2014.

As a certified organic operation, you hold certain rights and duties, including, but not limited to:

A. Compliance:

1. Certified operation is required to comply with all applicable provisions of the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (Act), as amended [7 U.S.C. 6501 et seq], including requirements of Organic Certifiers, the State Organic Program (SOP), and National Organic Program (NOP) regulations [205.400(a)].
2. Certified operation must permit on-site inspections with complete access to the production or handling operation, including non-certified production and handling areas, structures, and offices by Organic Certifiers, as provided in NOP Regulations 205.403. [205.400(c)]. Besides the annual on-site inspection, additional on-site inspections, announced or unannounced, may be conducted by Organic Certifiers at Organic Certifiers' discretion or as required by the SOP Official and/or the AMS Administrator for the purpose of determining the certified operation's compliance [205.403(a)(2)].

3. Certified operation must immediately notify Organic Certifiers of any (a) application, including drift, of a prohibited substance to any field, production unit, site, facility, livestock, or product that is part of an operation, and (b) change in a certified operation or any portion of a certified operation, that may affect its compliance with applicable certification standards.

B. Recordkeeping:

Certified operation must maintain all records applicable to the organic operation for not less than five (5) years beyond their creation and allow authorized representatives of the USDA Secretary, SOP Official, CAEQ COR and Organic Certifiers to access such records during normal business hours for review and copying to determine compliance with the Act and NOP Regulations [205.103, 205.400(d)]. These records must fully disclose all activities and transactions of the certified operation in sufficient detail as to be readily understood and audited [205.103].

C. Continuation of Certification:

To continue certification, a certified operation must annually pay the certification fees and submit the following information, as applicable, to Organic Certifiers:

1. An updated organic production or handling system plan, which includes:
  - a. A summary statement, supported by documentation, detailing any deviations from, changes to, modifications to, or other amendments made to the previous year's organic system plan during the previous year, and
  - b. Any additions or deletions to previous year's organic system plan, intended to be undertaken in coming year, detailed pursuant to 205.200.
2. Any additions or deletions from the information required pursuant to 205.401(b);
3. An update on the correction of minor non-compliances previously identified by Organic Certifiers as requiring correction for continue operation; and
4. Any other information as deemed necessary by Organic Certifiers to determine compliance with the Act, NOP regulations and CAEQ COR regulations.
5. An on-site inspection must be conducted annually by Organic Certifiers for each certified operation that produces or handles organic products for the purpose of determining whether the certification of the operation should continue [205.403(a)(1)].

D. Labels, Labeling, and Marketing:

1. In general, to be sold or labeled as “100 percent organic”, “organic”, or “made with organic ingredients”, the product must be produced and handled without use of synthetic substances, prohibited substances, nonagricultural substances, nonorganic agricultural substances, excluded methods, ionizing radiation, or sewage sludge [205.105].
2. Any product labeled as “100 percent organic”, “organic”, or “made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s))”, must follow the labeling requirements set forth in NOP Regulations, Section 205.300, et seq., which include, but are not limited to:
  - (a) For products labeled “100 percent organic” must contain 100 percent organically produced ingredients (excluding water and salt); OR
  - (b) For products labeled “organic”, identify each organic ingredient in the ingredient statement with the word, “organic”, or with an asterisk or other reference mark which is defined below the ingredient statement to indicate the ingredient is organically produced (excluding water and salt); OR
  - (c) For products labeled “made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s))”, in the ingredient statement, identify each organic ingredient in the ingredient statement with the word, “organic”, or with an asterisk or other reference mark which is defined below the ingredient statement to indicate the ingredient is organically produced (excluding water and salt);
  - (d) On the information panel, below the information identifying the handler or distributor of the product and preceded by the statement, “Certified organic by...,” or similar phrase, identify the name of Organic Certifiers as the certifying agent as follows: “OrganicCertifiers.com”.
3. Upon suspension or revocation of certification, certified operation must discontinue use of term “organic” on any labels or marketing information and return its certificate. In addition to suspension or revocation, any certified operation that knowingly sells or labels a product as organic, except in accordance with the Act, shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$11,000 per violation.

The foregoing is intended as an overview of important rights and duties of certified operations. For specific and detailed requirements, please refer to Organic Certifiers’ Quality System Manual, the Act, NOP Regulations, SOP regulations and CAEQ COR regulations.

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By \_\_\_\_\_  
Executive Director