

INFO SHEET No. PO04

This Info Sheet contains information about the process of acceptance (or recognition) for product or ingredient which has not been primarily certified by NASAA..

The information should be read in conjunction with the NASAA Organic Standard.

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Product Acceptance

With a plethora of organic certifying bodies in operation around the world, processors and wholesalers may source product or specific ingredient (as a percentage of finished product), which has not been certified under the NASAA Certification program.

Recognising the value of the NASAA label in the marketplace, such operators may choose to have the sourced, or final product, recognised and relabelled as NASAA certified. This recognition is undertaken through a process referred to as 'Product Acceptance'.

Product Acceptance is the formal recognition by NASAA of the certification of another organisation which effectively permits the use of the NASAA label on product not primarily certified with NASAA.

Products sourced from another certification body can be used either 1. as an ingredient in a NASAA certified product, or 2. as final processed product relabelled with reference to NASAA certification. Regardless of whether the product is used for 1. or 2., the application of the NASAA label must fall under inspection and certification of NASAA, including all relevant costs.

Different procedures apply depending on whether the ingredient or the end product has been produced under a certification scheme accredited by IFOAM. The Flow Chart on page 2 outlines the process of product acceptance.

Operators seeking recognition of non-NASAA certified ingredient/product, which is certified by another IFOAM accredited body in accordance with the Flow Chart, should fill out a Request for Product Acceptance form (accessible from the NASAA website).

Operators seeking recognition of non-NASAA certified ingredient/product, which is NOT certified by another IFOAM accredited body in accordance with the following Flow Chart, should fill out a Release of Papers forms for Processors or Producers (accessible from the NASAA website).

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Process Flow Chart for Product Acceptance

To assist in the sourcing of product and/or ingredients certified with another certification body for which the NASAA label is intended to be used on the finished product.

NB you must be currently certified with NASAA and

Ingredients and/or products that are certified with ACO are automatically accepted by NASAA

The application of the NASAA label can only be carried out at a NASAA certified facility

