

PREPARING FOR PROCESSOR CERTIFICATION WITH NASAA



Good preparation is key to establishing your certification. Here are the steps we recommend to make this process happen smoothly—the process is not linear and you will need to tackle all these elements to build the foundations of a successful organic operation.

1. Obtain and read the **NASAA ORGANIC STANDARD (NOS)** &/or other relevant standard JAPAN-Japan Agriculture Standard (JAS), US- National Organic Program (NOP), Canada-Canadian Organic Regime (COR) as applicable to the market programs you are applying for. Contact NCO to obtain the relevant Information Pack for the market/s you require.
2. Contact NASAA Certified Organic (NCO) with any **QUESTIONS** that you may have.
3. Start developing **ORGANIC PRACTICES** and procedures in your operation (use the Standards as a guide). Areas of importance include for example:
Ingredients Organic Processing Methods Pest Control Warehousing
4. Develop an **ORGANIC QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM** suitable for your operation. We will ask for details of this in the **ORGANIC HANDLING PLAN (OHP)** questionnaire. (To download forms see below)
5. Ensure your organic **RECORDS** are up to date and comprehensive. eg inputs, production quantities, cleaning, pest control, etc.
6. Start researching ways of **MARKETING** your product—organic is no different to any other product which has to have markets that will work for you.

Contact NASAA for assistance in completing certification paperwork if required. When you are fully ready please send to **NASAA Certified Organic P/L** PO Box 768 Stirling SA 5152

- Completed Application Form
- Fee payment
- Flow Chart for each
- Organic Handling Plan (OHP)
- Site Plan for each facility
- Other attachments as requested

Standards and forms are available for free download at: www.nasaa.com.au by going to
Steps to Certification-Make an Application

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