Bureau Veritas Certification **Services**

# Organic Certification

*Promoting organic production standards to meet consumer demand*

## BUSINESS CHALLENGE

Increased cases of unsafe food due to over use of chemical fertilizers and chemicals in food production system, has created an increasing worldwide demand for organic food. The challenge facing the organic agriculture industry is to produce foodstuffs and agricultural products using methods, which respect the environment and animal welfare. Globally, these demands are defined by regulations, particularly in those countries, which consume organic products.

The principal standards are NPOP standard (India Organic- APEDA), EU Regulation 834/2007 and the US National Organic Program (NOP). To take into account the regulations in place, the certification scheme depends both on the country of production and the country of destination.

This certification is aimed at producer organizations or members of food industries who want to commercialize organic products for a particular market. The organic certification considered as a guarantee of quality and safety by the consumers.

## SOLUTION

**What is Organic Certification?**

Organic certification is a nationally and internationally recognized set of standards aimed at proving that agricultural and food products have been produced without the use of synthetic chemical products, while using methods, which respect the environment and animal welfare. Organic requirements involve a set of production specifications for growing, storage, processing, packaging and shipping. All organic assessment and qualification references require control and certification by an accredited independent body.

**What are the key benefits?**

• Demonstrate Organic Standards compliance of products to clients (retailers, traders, importers)
• Inspire consumer confidence
• Ensure greater access to existing and target markets
• Help protect the environment from harmful products and processes
• Preserve animal welfare

## WHY CHOOSE BUREAU VERITAS?

- **Food Expertise** – Bureau Veritas can help every player in the food supply chain to meet the highest standards of Food safety, Quality, Health & Safety and Environmental compliance.
- **Recognition** – Bureau Veritas Certification (I) Private Limited, is accredited for certification according to the NPOP, Swiss, European and NOP (USDA) organic production standard. We perform inspections in compliance with these standards.
- **Network** – A global presence in more than 100 countries means clients benefit from both international expertise and in-depth knowledge of local standards.
- **Mark of global recognition** – The Bureau Veritas certification mark is a globally recognized symbol of your organization's ongoing commitment to excellence, sustainability and reliability. This mark could be used on your products' labels in order to differentiate them from your competitors.

# OUR CERTIFICATION PROCESS

The certification process proceeds as follows:

- Definition of scope and standard to be used;
- Pre-audit (optional) in order to assess the current producer's status;
- Certification audit to verify that all products and procedures conform to standards.
  If this is the case, the certificate will be issued;
- Surveillance audit to follow the production.

NB: For agricultural products, a conversion period is necessary between the initial audit and the issuing of the certificate (i.e. a period of 2 years is necessary for vegetable products).

**In addition to Organic Certification,**
**Bureau Veritas can help you to comply with a wide range of standards and norms including:**

- **BRC**
- **IFS**
- **ISO 22000**
- **HACCP**
- **ISO 9001**

# FAQ

**How can I obtain organic agricultural certification?**

The organic standard requirements for organic agriculture must be put in place.
Forward the organic production and organization including production-Scope, activities, input status, organic control management through Filled in application form.
The information will be reviewed by Bureau Veritas and accordingly Proposal will be prepared and submitted to the client organization
After receiving the signed proposal cum contract, the submitted documents Will be assessed for completeness and on site inspection is carried-out.
After verifying the conformity of your organic production conditions and system Bureau veritas Certification will deliver the licence and certificate which will permit you to guarantee the organic quality of your products.

**Will my organic products be recognized internationally?**

With the NPOP, the client will also get certificate for Swiss and European Organic certification (EU Regulation No. 834/2007), which will make it recognized by all European Union member countries. In order to access the US market, you have to certify your products to the National Organic Program (NOP).

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