

Annex :

NO : CNCA-N-009 : 2014

Implementation Rules for Organic Product Certification

Issued by Certification and Accreditation Administration of the
People's Republic of China (CNCA)

Content

- 1 . Purpose and Scope
- 2 . Requirements for Certification Body
- 3 . Requirements for Certification Personnel
- 4 . Certification Basis
- 5 . Major processes for Certification
- 6 . Post-Certification Management
7. Certification Renewal
- 8 . Management of Certificates and Certification Marks
- 9 . Information Reporting system
- 10 . Certification Fees

1. Purpose and Scope

1.1 Based on the provisions as specified in the **Regulations of the People's Republic of China on Certification and Accreditation** and **Administrative Measures on Organic Product Certification** (AQSIQ¹ Decree No. 155), the Rules are formulated for the purposes of regulating certification activities of organic products.

1.2 The Rules specify the general requirements of process and management for Certification Bodies (hereinafter referred to as CBs) carrying out organic product certification activities.

1.3 The activities shall comply with the Rules including certification, production, processing, importation and trade of organic products in the territory of the People's Republic of China.

The certification activities for organic products imported from countries or regions, which have signed harmonized memorandum or agreement for the equivalency of organic certification system with Certification and Accreditation Administration of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as CNCA), shall comply with the relevant provisions of the memorandum or agreement.

1.4 Entities, which comply with the Rules, shall not be exempt from any obligation and/or liability under laws.

2. Requirements for CBs

2.1 CBs engaged in organic product certification activities shall meet the requirements as specified in **Regulations of the People's Republic of China on Certification and Accreditation** and have the technical competence to undertake organic product certification. CBs shall be approved by CNCA as well.

2.2 CBs shall submit proof documents to CNCA to demonstrate the abilities of implementing organic product certification activities, which comply with the Rules and **Requirements for Bodies Certifying Products, Processes and Services** (GB/T 27065) within 12 months after obtaining approval from CNCA. No more than 5 certificates within each certification scope approved by CNCA may be issued by CBs prior to submitting relevant proof documents,

2.3 CBs shall establish mechanisms of internal control, supervision and responsibility, and ensure the separation, mutual restriction and supervision of all the process including application acceptance, training (including relevant value-added services), inspection and certification decision-making etc.

2.4 CBs should not link certification result with salaries of inspectors and other personnel involved in the certification and inspection.

3. Requirements for Certification Personnel

3.1 The personnel engaged in certification activities should have:

- Relevant professional education background and work experience;
- Training experiences in production, processing, business and sales management of organic product, food safety and certification technologies etc.;
- Appropriate relevant knowledge and skills.

¹ General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China

3.2 Organic product certification inspectors shall obtain professional registration in China Certification & Accreditation Association (CCAA).

3.3 CBs shall evaluate and ensure that their inspectors have sufficient competences so as to meet the needs for undertaking organic product certification activities within the related certification scope.

4. Certification Basis

GB/T 19630 *Organic Products*

5. Major processes for Certification

5.1 CBs shall at least release the following information to public prior to accepting the certification application:

5.1.1 Scope and validity period of certification qualification

5.1.2 Certification processes and requirements

5.1.3 Certification basis

5.1.4 Certification Fees

5.1.5 Rights and obligations of CBs and applicants

5.1.6 Procedures for handling appeals, complaints and disputes

5.1.7 Rules and procedures for granting, cancelling, changing, suspending, reinstating and withdrawing certificate

5.1.8 Requirements for certificate holders to correctly use China organic product certification mark, certificate and logo or name of CBs.

5.1.9 Requirements for certificate holders to correctly propagate organic production and processing as well as certified products, manage and control organic product transaction certificates.

5.2 The prerequisite of a certification application acceptance by CBs

5.2.1 Products produced and processed by applicants and stakeholders shall comply with requirements of relevant laws and regulations, standards and technical specifications for quality, safety and sanitation.

5.2.2 The document management system of organic products has been established and implemented efficiently for more than three months.

5.2.3 Products applied for certification shall be within the ***Certification Catalog for Organic Products*** published by CNCA.

5.2.4 Applicants and stakeholders shall not have violation records for Article 44 of ***Administrative Measures on Organic Product Certification*** within last 5 years.

5.2.5 Applicants and stakeholders shall not have certificate revocation records within last 1 year.

5.2.6 Applicants shall submit at least the following documents and materials:

(1) Hardcopies of legal business qualification documents of applicants including copy of the business license, organization code certificate, land use right proof and contract, etc.

(2) General information about applicants as well as organic production, processing and handling:

a) Name, address, and contact information of applicants; in cases that applicants do not produce, process organic products directly, the hardcopy of written contract between actual

producers/processors and applicants as well as their name, address, and contact information shall be submitted.

b) General information of the production units or processing sites.

c) Name, variety and production capability including acreage, yield, quantity and processing amount, etc. of applied products, basic information of products produced in the same production units, which do not apply for certification or produced/processed non-organically.

d) The documents of production and processing history in the latest three years e.g. farming activities description of plant production including prevention and control of plant diseases, pests and weeds, the usage of inputs, and harvest; description of wild plant collection; description of animal husbandry and aquaculture including feeding measures, disease control, input usage, transportation and slaughter, etc.

e) Information about the application for and obtaining other certification.

(3) Description of production areas (bases), including geographic location, plot distribution, buffer zones, and information about neighboring land use; the description of processing sites surrounding environment (including water, air and non point source pollution), the factory/plant ichnography, process flow diagram, etc.

(4) Organic production/processing plan, including suitability evaluation of production/processing environment, description and proof documents of production mode and processing flow, input management system including pesticide, fertilizer and food additives etc., measures for quality assurance, labeling and traceability system, risk control in organic production and processing etc.

(5) Organic product production and /or processing plan in the current year, and the sales volume and value, main market, etc. during last year.

(6) Commitment to credibility and compliance with laws, acceptance of the supervision and inspection by Administrative law enforcement departments and CBs. Statement of providing authentic documents, and implementing organic product standards, technical rules and management of transaction certificates.

(7) Quality management system documents of organic production/processing.

(8) Organic conversion plans (if applicable)

(9) Other relevant documents.

5.3 Application document review

CBs shall complete the application review of documents and materials submitted by applicants who meet the requirements of article 5.2 according to organic certification norms and related procedures etc., and decide whether or not to accept the application within 10 days and maintain the review records.

5.3.1 Application review requirements shall include:

(1) Requirements for certification shall be clearly defined, documented and understood;

(2) Any misunderstanding between CBs and applicants shall be resolved; and,

(3) CBs have the capability to carry out certification service for the applied certification scope,

operation sites of applicants and any special requirements.

5.3.2 If the application documents are complete, consistent with the requirements, CBs shall accept the application. For those not accepted, CBs shall notify applicants the reasons in written.

5.3.3 CBs may take necessary measures to help applicants and train the organic product producers and processors with technical standards directly and ensure their correct understanding and implementation of the requirements of standards.

5.4 Preparation of on-site inspection

5.4.1 According to the corresponding certification scope of the applied product, CBs shall assign competent inspectors to form inspection team. Each inspection team shall have at least one full-time inspector registered in corresponding certification scope and served as team leader.

5.4.2 For the same production unit of the same applicant, CBs shall not assign the same inspector to carry out the inspection for more than 3 years (including 3 years).

5.4.3 CBs may issue inspection assignment to the inspection team prior to on-site inspection with the following contents:

- (1) Inspection basis, including certification standards, implementation rules for certification and other normative documents.
- (2) Inspection scope, including product varieties, production/processing process and bases etc..
- (3) Inspection team leader and members and the inspection schedule.
- (4) Key points of inspection, including management system, traceability system, inputs application, and packing label etc.
- (5) Any non-conformity found by CBs last year (if applicable).

CBs may send notification of on-site inspection and inform the inspection contents to applicants.

5.4.4 Inspection team shall work out a written inspection plan, and send it to applicant for confirmation after approved by CB.

- (1) Inspection plan shall ensure that all production activities of the production units shall be inspected on site.

For those applications for organic certification with farmers and individual production and processing of organization (such as agricultural cooperatives, or "company + farmer" organization), all the farmers ,the individual production and processing organization and their production activities shall be inspected; all processing sites shall be inspected including those units/sites for repacking/division to ensure the integrity of the whole production/processing process of the certified products.

- (2) The following factors shall also be considered in the inspection plan:

- Price differences between organic and non-organic products.
- Similarity of production system among farmers in production unit, and varieties similarity of planting and animal husbandry.
- Non-compliance issued during previous inspections;
- Effectiveness of organization internal control system.
- Impact on the integrity of the certified products from re-processing, repacking and division (if

applicable).

5.4.5 Inspection shall be arranged in the production/processing process of products applying for certification or during stages with high-risk for quality and safety. If initial on-site inspection cannot cover all the products to be certified due to the reason of production season and etc., additional inspection to those which have not been inspected shall be arranged within the valid period of the certificate.

5.4.6 CBs shall upload the information of applicant, inspection notification and inspection plan etc. to CNCA website “Law Enforcement Supervision Information System of Voluntary Certification Activities” at least 5 days prior to on-site inspection. Local certification supervision authority shall put forward objection on the inspection plan and schedule submitted by CBs at least 2 days prior to on-site inspection. CBs shall timely communicate and coordinate with the authority prior to implementation of on-site inspection.

5.5 During on-site inspection, the inspection team shall review the compliance of applicant management system with the requirements of certification basis, verify the consistency of production/processing with documents submitted by applicants in accordance of 5.2.6, and confirm the compliance of production/processing with certification basis.

5.5.1 Inspection shall include at least the following contents:

- (1) The process and sites of production/processing; if there is non-organic production or processing in the production units, the non-organic sector shall also be inspected;
- (2) Interviews with management personnel of production/processing, internal inspectors, and operators;
- (3) Review of management system documents and records as specified in GB/T19630.4;
- (4) Audit of output and sales volume of certified products;
- (5) Evaluation and verification of products and certification mark traceability system, as well as package labels;
- (6) Evaluation of internal inspection and its continuous improvement;
- (7) Environmental quality verification of production/processing units, and risk assessment of potential pollution for organic production and processing;
- (8) Sampling; and,
- (9) Verification of the non-compliance correction and corrective measures in previous year (if applicable).

Inspection team shall summarize the inspection, clarify and confirm the found non-compliances with applicant prior to finishing the inspection.

5.5.2 Product sample testing

- (1) All products applying for certification shall be tested, and testing items shall be determined based on the risk assessment.

If samples cannot be taken for testing before the certificate issuance, the testing shall be done within the valid period of certificate.

(2) CBs shall entrust testing agencies with statutory qualifications for samples testing.

(3) The residues of permitted substances in organic production/processing shall comply with the provisions of relevant laws and regulations or compulsory standards. Substances prohibited in organic production and processing shall not be detected.

5.5.3 Environmental quality of production origin

Applicants shall submit the environmental monitoring/testing reports of production area provided by monitoring/testing agencies with statutory qualifications or credentials provided by local environment protection authorities at least at county level, to prove that the environmental quality of the production origin is in compliance with the requirements specified in GB/T 19630 **Organic Products**.

5.5.4 Requirements for conversion to organic

The organic conversion plan shall not be implemented until it is confirmed by CBs and verified annually after its implementation by the assigned inspection team. The production units shall not be certified, which are not converted according to conversion plan and not verified by on-site inspection. Where production unit fails to maintain its organic certification, a new organic certification can only be granted again after a new round of organic conversion.

5.5.5 Inspection of Inputs

(1) Inputs, listed in Appendix A and B of GB/T 19630.1 and Appendix A and B of GB/T 19630.2, are allowed to be used in organic production or processing.

(2) Inputs not listed in Appendix A and B of GB/T 19630.1 and Appendix A and B of GB/T 19630.2 may be included in the temporary supplementary lists for organic production/processing issued by CNCA based on the assessments of the experts.

5.5.6 Inspection report

(1) CBs shall specify the template of inspection report.

(2) Inspection report shall include the description of inspection in accordance with the requirements of 5.5.1 to 5.5.5, inspection evidence, findings and conclusion.

The description of non-compliance shall be accurate, in detail and clear, instead of conceptual, uncertain and ambiguous, for better understanding by applicants.

(3) Necessary evidence or records including written documents or photos, video shall be attached to inspection report.

(4) Inspection team shall evaluate the applicant overall situation in terms of compliance with the relevant standards with sufficient information in written documents of inspection record, and make suggestion on whether the applicant has passed the certification.

(5) CBs shall submit inspection report to applicant. Evidence of reception or submission shall be well kept.

5.6 Certification Decision

5.6.1 CBs shall make certification decision based on the on-site inspection of production origin environmental quality, and product testing evaluation. Meanwhile, characteristics of

production/processing, stability of applicant management system, local administration of pesticide and veterinary medicine, environment protection and social credibility level, etc. shall also be considered.

5.6.2 CBs shall issue certificates to applicants who meet the following requirements. The certificate templates are attached in Appendix 1 and 2.

(1) All production/processing activities, management systems and other audit evidences are in compliance with the Rules and certification standards.

(2) Not all production/processing activities, management systems and other audit evidences are in compliance with the Rules and standards of certification, but applicant has taken corrections and corrective measures for non-compliance within the specified period, which have been verified by CBs.

5.6.3 CBs shall not approve the certification in case production/processing activities of applicants have one of the following situations.

(1) Applicants provide false information, and are dishonest.

(2) No management system has been established, or the existing management system is not effectively implemented.

(3) Evidence shows application of prohibited substances in production/processing, or products are contaminated by the prohibited substances.

(4) Prohibited substances have been detected in product testing.

(5) The product quality applying for certification does not comply with the relevant state laws, regulations and (or) compulsory technical standards.

(6) Reprocessing, repacking and dividing taken place in a location other than the on-site inspection sites;

(7) Serious problems of product quality and safety have occurred or the certificate has been withdrawn due to product quality and safety problems during the previous year.

(8) Corrections and/or corrective measures have not been accomplished within specified period, or corrections and/or corrective measures do not meet the requirements of certification.

(9) The result of testing or monitoring, issued by authorized testing (monitoring) agency, proves that environment of the production origin is polluted.

(10) Others do not comply with the Rules and/or National Standard for Organic Product and can not be corrected.

5.6.4 Appeal

When applicants have objections to the result of certification, they may appeal to the CBs within 10 days,. CBs shall handle the appeals and make a written conclusion within 30 days after receiving the appeal.

Applicants may appeal directly to the certification supervision authorities of different levels if they think that their own legal rights and interests have been seriously infringed by CBs.

6. Post-Certification Management

6.1 CBs shall carry out at least one on-site inspection annually for each certified applicant. CBs shall scientifically determine on-site inspection frequency and contents based on variety and risk of products applying for certification, the stability of enterprise management system and local integrity level of product quality and safety. In case that same certified product has multiple production seasons within the valid period of the certificate, inspection shall be arranged in each production season.

Moreover, based on risk assessment, CBs shall carry out unannounced on-site inspections annually for at least 5 percent of the certificate holders.

6.2 CBs shall know and effectively track any changes of certified applicant to ensure its continuous compliance with certification requirements.

6.3 CBs shall specify clearly in the contract with applicants that certificate holder shall establish information notification systems and notify the following information to CBs timely:

6.3. 1 Changes related to legal status, business status, organization structure or ownership;

6.3. 2 Changes related to certificate holder's management team, contact address;

6.3.3 Changes related to management system, operation status/processes/sites of production, processing and handling;

6.3.4 Information of any serious animal or plant epidemic occurred or environment pollution happened in the surroundings of production, processing, handling of the certified products;

6.3.5 Important information about product quality and safety in the process of production, processing, handling and sale, such as products with serious quality and safety problems discovered in a official random check or serious complaints from consumers;

6.3.6 Information about sanctions to certificate holder due to violations of state laws or regulations on agricultural products and food safety;

6.3.7 Information about the purchased raw materials or products, which do not meet with the requirements of certification norm;

6.3.8 Information on recalls and handling of the nonconforming products;

6.3.9 Information about transaction certificate and product audit;

6.3.10 Other important informion.

6.4 Transaction certificate

6.4.1 CBs shall develop procedures for application and handling of the transaction certificate, and shall request certificate holders applying for transaction certificate(s) prior to selling certified products (template of organic transaction certificate is in Appendix 3).

6.4.2 CBs shall check the scope and quantity of the certified products in the supply agreement between the certificate holders and their clients prior to issuing the transaction certificates. Any non-compliance shall be corrected by the certificate holder under the CB's supervision. Otherwise, transaction certificates could not be issued.

6.4.3 Certificate holders may give original transaction certificates to sellers or consumers when the certified products are sold. Certificate holders shall keep copies of transaction certificates and

prepare for the inspection by CBs.

6.4.4 CBs are liable for supervising the correct use of issued transaction certificates.

7. Certification Renewal

7.1 Certificate holder shall submit certification application to CBs at least three months prior to the certificate expiry date.

The procedure on application acceptance and document review may be appropriately simplified if organic product management system and production/processing process of certificate holder have not been changed.

7.2 Recertification inspection shall be carried out prior to the certificate expiry date.

If recertification cannot be carried out as scheduled due to production season or serious natural disaster, the certificate holder shall submit a written application with explanations to CBs prior to the certificate expiry date. After confirmation and approval by CBs, recertification shall be arranged within no more than 3 months after the certificate expiry date. The products produced in this period cannot be sold as organic.

7.3 The production units shall be deemed as an initial certification if certification renewal can not be implemented in 3 months after the certificate expiry date.

8. Management of Certificates and Certification Marks

8.1 Template of certificate

Organic product certificate is valid for one year and the template shall be in compliance with Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 of the Rules.

The certificate code shall be obtained from the Certification Information System for Chinese Food and Agricultural Products. CBs shall not issue the certificates according to their own encoding system.

8.2 Change of certificate

Refer to Article 28 of *Administrative Measures on Organic Product Certification*.

8.3 Cancellation of certificate

Refer to Article 29 of *Administrative Measures on Organic Product Certification*.

8.4 Suspension of certificate

Refer to Article 30 of *Administrative Measures on Organic Product Certification*.

8.5 Withdrawal of certificate

Refer to Article 31 of *Administrative Measures on Organic Product Certification*.

8.6 Reinstatement of certificate

8.6.1 Once canceled or withdrawn, a certificate shall never be reinstated for any reason.

8.6.2 CBs may reinstate a suspended certificate until the suspension period has ended, if the correction and corrective measures have been taken by certificate holders and verified by CBs.

8.7 Certificate and certification mark

8.7.1 Products with organic conversion certificate shall only be sold as conventional products. Neither China organic product certification mark nor any descriptive words and pattern of “有

机”/“ORGANIC” shall be used thereon.

8.7.2 During the suspension period of certificate, CBs shall notify and supervise the certified applicant to stop using the organic product certificate and certification mark, temporarily seal up the corresponding product batches with organic product certification marks.

8.8 The certificate holder shall return the canceled or withdrawn certificates and unused certification marks to CBs, or destroy the remaining certification marks and the product packages with organic product certification marks under the supervision of CBs. If necessary, the corresponding product batches with organic product certification marks shall be recalled.

8.9 CBs have the responsibilities and obligations to take effective measures to prevent the continuous usage of the invalid certificate and certification marks.

9. Information Reporting System

9.1 CBs shall upload the certification activity information to the Certification Information System for Chinese Food and Agricultural Products, and an on-site inspection plan shall be uploaded to the information system at least 5 days prior to the on-site inspection.

9.2 CBs shall upload, to the Certification Information System for Chinese Food and Agricultural Products, the list of certificate holders whose certificates have been withdrawn or suspended and the reasons hereof to CNCA, local certification supervision authorities within 10 days. Such information shall be released to the public.

9.3 In case incident of product quality and safety of the certified applicant occurs, CBs shall timely report relevant information to CNCA and local certification supervision authorities

9.4 CBs shall submit the work report on organic certification in the previous year to CNCA prior to the end of March each year. The report shall at least include certificate amount issued, the quality analysis of certified products, list of the suspended and withdrawn certificates and reason analysis, etc.

10. Certification Fees

CBs shall charge certification fees according to the relevant regulations.

Appendix 1: Template of organic product certificate

Appendix 2: Template of certificate for operation in conversion to organic

Appendix 3: Template of organic product transaction certificate

Appendix 4: Encoding Numbering rules for the organic product certificate

Appendix 5: Encoding rules for China organic product certification mark

Appendix 1:

TEMPLATE OF ORGANIC PRODUCT CERTIFICATE



Certificate code: *****

ORGANIC PRODUCT CERTIFICATE

Name of Applicants (certificate holder) *****

Address *****

Name of producer/processor *****

Address *****

Category of organic product certification: *Production/processing (indicating specific category for production, i.e. crop production, wild plant collection, livestock and poultry production, aquaculture)*

Certification Basis:

GB/T 19630.1 *Organic Products: Production*

(GB/T 19630.2 *Organic Products: Processing*)

GB/T 19630.3 *Organic Products: Labeling and marketing*

GB/T 19630.4 *Organic Products: Management System*

Serial No	Name of production unit /processing site	Address of production unit /processing site	Area of production unit	Name of product	Description of product	Production capacity	quantity

(Appendix may be attached and has the same legal effect with this certificate.)

This is to certify that the above listed products and their production (processing) process have been in conformity with *Implementation Rules for Organic Product Certification*.

Initial issuance date: dd/mm/yyyy

Issuing date: dd/mm/yyyy

Expiry date: dd/mm/yyyy

Responsible person (Signature): _____

Seal of Certification Body

Name of Certification Body:

Address:

Tel.:

(Logo of Certification Body)

(Accreditation mark)

Appendix 2:

TEMPLATE OF CERTIFICATE FOR OPERATION IN CONVERSION TO ORGANIC

CERTIFICATE FOR OPERATION IN CONVERSION TO ORGANIC

Certificate code: *****

Name of Applicants (certificate holder) *****

Address *****

Name of producer/processor *****

Address *****

Category of organic product certification : *Production/processing (indicating specific category for production, i.e. crop production, wild plant collection, livestock and poultry production, aquaculture)*

Certification Basis:

GB/T 19630.1 *Organic Products: Production*

(GB/T 19630.2 *Organic Products: Processing*)

GB/T 19630.3 *Organic Products: Labeling and marketing*

GB/T 19630.4 *Organic Products: Management System*

Serial No	Name of production unit /processing site	Address of production unit /processing site	Area of production unit	Name of product	Description of product	Production capacity	quantity

(Appendix may be attached and has the same legal effect with this certificate.)

This is to certify that the above listed products and their production (processing) process have been in conformity with *Implementation Rules for the Certification of Organic Products*.

Initial issuance date: dd/mm/yyyy

Issuing date: dd/mm/yyyy

Expiry date: dd/mm/yyyy

Responsible person (Signature): _____

Seal of Certification Body

Name of Certification Body:

Address:

Tel.:

(Logo of Certification Body)

(Accreditation mark)

Remark: According to ***Administrative Measures on Organic Product Certification***, Products in conversion shall not use neither Chinese organic product certification mark nor any descriptive word and pattern of “有机”/”ORGANIC”.

Appendix 3:

Template of Organic Product Transaction Certificate

Organic Product Transaction Certificate

No. (TC#) : _____

Certificate code: _____

Category of certification: _____

Name of the certificate holder of certification: _____

Name of the product: _____

Name of the buyer: _____

Quantity/weight: _____

Batch No.: _____

Contract No.: _____

Transaction date: _____

Name of the seller: _____

This certificate is only valid to the buyer and transaction products with China organic certification.

Issuing date:

Responsible person (signature): _____ **Seal of Certification Body**

Name of Certification Body:

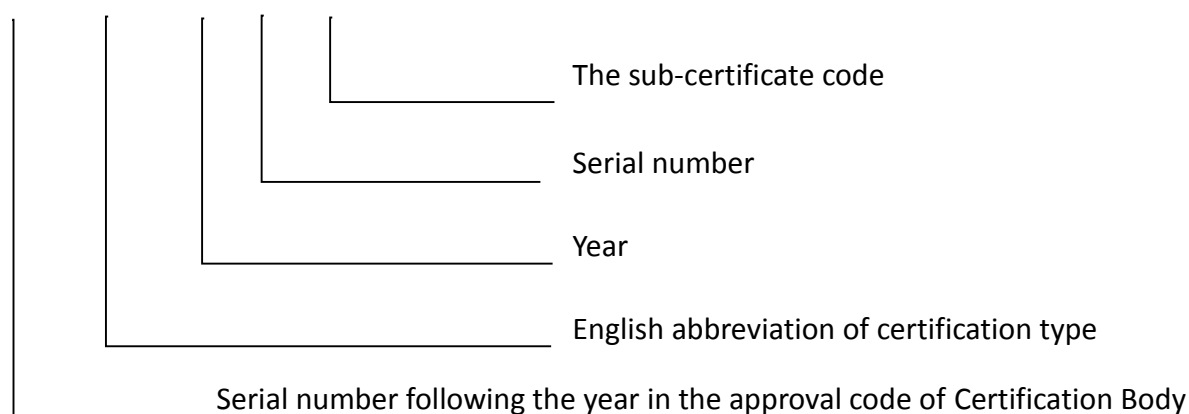
Address:

Tel.:

Appendix 4: Encoding Rules for the Organic Product Certificate

The organic product certificates adopt uniform encoding rules. Certification Body shall upload the related information, such as the product certificates, the inspection team, the inspection reports and the on-site inspection photos, etc. to the Certification Information System for Chinese Food and Agricultural Products. After validation of the form, the system will automatically create a code for the product certificate, and Certification Body is not allowed to create codes according to their own encoding system.

X X X X -X



(1) Serial number following the year in the approval code of Certification Body

The codification of Certification Body approval code is composed as follows:

“CNCA-R/RF-year-serial number” with the following signification:

R = domestic Certification Body;

RF = foreign Certification Body;

Year = four digits of the year;

Serial number = sequential number of domestic or foreign Certification Body respectively.

The code of organic product certificate is the last three digits of the approval code for the domestic Certification Body; and it is “F” + the last two digits of the approval code for the foreign Certification Body.

(2) English abbreviation of the certification type

The organic product certification in English is referred to as OP.

(3) Year: The last two digits of the year, for example, 11 stand for 2011.

(4) Serial number

The serial number is namely the sequential number of the certification type in a certain year for a Certification Body, and is composed of five digits.

(5) The sub-certificate number

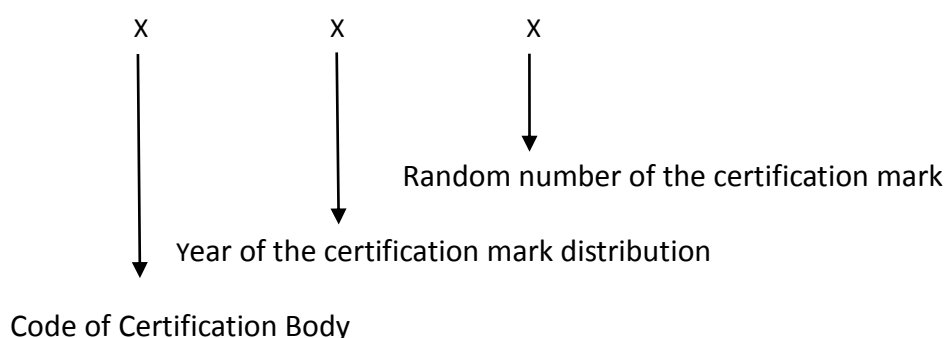
If a certificate has sub-certificates, add “-” and the serial digits of the sub-certificate following the original certificate code.

(6) Others: The certificate code remains unchanged in case of renewal certification.

Appendix 5: Encoding Rules for China Organic Product Certification Mark

In order to ensure the basic anti-counterfeiting and traceability of the national organic product certification marks, prevent the occurrence of counterfeiting the certification marks and the certified products, Certification Body shall create a unique code for each certification mark, when distributing the certification marks to the certificate holder or authorizing the print of the certification marks on the product labels. The code is composed of the code of Certification Body, the year of certification mark distribution, and the random number of certification mark.

Example :



(1) The code of Certification Body (three digits)

The code of Certification Body is the last three digits of the approval code of Certification Body. The code is the last three digits of the approval code for the domestic Certification Body; and it is "9" + the last two digits of the approval code for the foreign Certification Body.

(2) The year of certification mark distribution (two digits)

The last two digits of the year, for example, 11 stand for 2011.

(3) Random number of the certification mark (twelve digits)

This code is composed of twelve random digits issued by Certification Body depending on the quantity of the certification mark. Rules of random number may be specified by Certification Body.