

ORGANIC CERTIFICATION



Promoting organic production standards to meet consumer demand.



BUSINESS CHALLENGE

Today organic certification addresses an increasing global demand for organic food, considered a guarantee of quality and safety by the consumer. The challenge facing the organic agriculture industry is to produce foodstuffs and agricultural products using methods that respect the environment and animal welfare. Globally, these demands are defined by regulations, particularly in countries that consume organic products.

The principal standards are EU Regulation 2018/848 and the US National Organic Program (NOP). To account for existing regulations, the certification program depends on both the country of production and the country of destination. This certification is aimed at producer organizations or members of the food industry that want to commercialize organic products for a particular market.



WHAT IS ORGANIC CERTIFICATION?

Organic certification is an internationally recognized set of standards that aims to prove that agricultural and food products are produced without the use of synthetic chemicals, while also using methods that 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 monitoring and certification by an accredited independent body.

HOW CAN I OBTAIN ORGANIC AGRICULTURAL CERTIFICATION?

European regulatory measures for organic agriculture must be implemented. After verifying the conformity of your products and your production conditions, Bureau Veritas will issue the certificate that allows you to guarantee the organic quality of your products.

WILL MY ORGANIC PRODUCTS BE RECOGNIZED INTERNATIONALLY?

The European Organic certification (EU Regulation 2018/848) is recognized by all European Union member countries. In order to access the US market, you have to certify your products according to the National Organic Program (NOP).



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WHAT ARE THE KEY BENEFITS OF ORGANIC CERTIFICATION?



Demonstrates compliance of products to clients (retailers, traders, importers)



Helps protect the environment from harmful products and processes



Ensures greater access to existing and target markets



Inspires consumer confidence



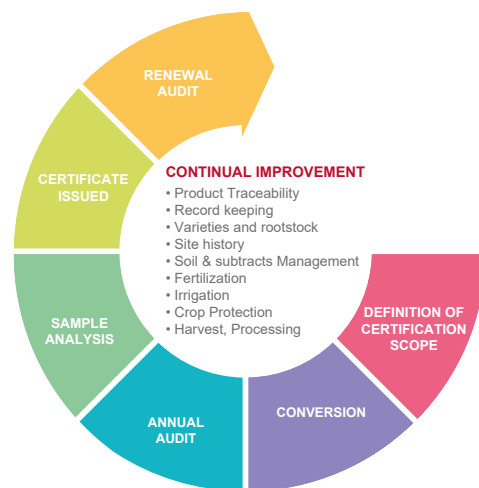
Preserves animal welfare

HOW DO I CERTIFY?

Key steps in our certification process are:

- Definition of scope and standards to be used
- Conversion period during which products are made compliant with the organic regulations
- Certification audit to verify that all products and procedures conform to standards. If this is the case, the certificate will be issued.
- Annual renewal audit to maintain compliance
- Sample analysis must be done to ensure product compliance. Testing is done via accredited laboratories.

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



WHY CHOOSE BUREAU VERITAS?



NETWORK

With 148,000+ active ISO certificates and 7,400+ skilled auditors, Bureau Veritas has a presence in 140 countries and local specialists in 80 countries.



FOOD EXPERTISE

Bureau Veritas can help every player in the food supply chain to meet the highest standards in Quality, Health & Safety and Environmental compliance.



RECOGNITION

Bureau Veritas Certification is recognized by more than 70 national and international accreditation bodies across the world.



MARK OF GLOBAL RECOGNITION

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