#### PROCEDURE for EXPORTATION & IMPORTATION

# under the Implementing Arrangement on Mutual Recognition of Organic Products Certification between Taiwan and New Zealand

#### 1. Outline

The following procedure is in pursuance of the Implementing Arrangement on Mutual Recognition of Organic Products Certification between Taiwan and New Zealand.

Upon entering into effect on 30 April 2020, this arrangement will start allowing importing and exporting organic agricultural products certified as "organic" by both organic systems.

- 2. Import from New Zealand to Taiwan under the arrangement
- (1) The part of the arrangement between New Zealand and Taiwan regarding organic agricultural products that can be imported from New Zealand to Taiwan are as follows:

### A. Scope

Organic products with their last course of production occurring in New Zealand and certified in accordance with New Zealand organic standards, including crops, livestock, and processed foods; the processed foods are required to comprise at least 95% ingredients that are either 1) organic products that are produced and certified in New Zealand; 2) organic products that are produced and certified in Taiwan; or 3) organic products that are produced and certified in a country and WTO member that is in organic equivalence with both Taiwan and New Zealand (Japan and Australia as of 25 April 2022).

To note, the following are not within the scope:

- In-conversion agricultural products as well as processed agricultural products produced using in-conversion agricultural products as raw ingredients
- Apiculture products
- Aquaculture products, including algae and other aquatic plants and plant-like species
- Wild harvested products

#### B. Standard

- Organic Export Requirement: Recognised agencies and Persons (OER: RAP)
- Organic Export Requirement: Organic Production Rules(OER: OPR)
- Organic Export Requirement: Taiwan Overseas Market Access Requirement (OER: Taiwan OMAR)

- (2) Notes for importing organic products from New Zealand
  - A. Make sure the product is within the scope of the arrangement.
  - B. Contact your trading partner to make sure the Official Organic Assurance for Consignment (OOAC) is issued
    - → List of certification bodies that are qualified to certify the organic products (<u>link 1</u>), the OOAC must issued by the Ministry for Primary Industries of New Zealand
    - → Form of the Official Organic Assurance for Consignment (OOAC) (link 2)
- (3) New Zealand Organic Logo: New Zealand has no national organic logo. Organic products exported to Taiwan may be attached with the logo of the certification body.
- (4) Taiwan Organic mark and labelling



#### Taiwan Organic mark

- A. New Zealand's operators are not allowed to affix the Taiwan organic logo on the organic products. Because only "made in Taiwan" products are allowed to be affixed with the Taiwan organic logo.
- B. To import organic products from New Zealand to Taiwan under this arrangement, the Taiwanese importer must apply to Taiwan's Central Competent Authority (The Ministry of Agriculture) for the importation, be issued the approval document upon review, and indicate the number of the received approval document on the products sold as organic in Taiwan.
- C. The labelling of organic products in Taiwan are subject to labelling requirements listed in Article 18 of Organic Agriculture Promotion Act.
- 3. Export from Taiwan to New Zealand under the arrangement
  - (1) The part of the arrangement between New Zealand and Taiwan regarding organic agricultural products that can be exported from Taiwan to New Zealand are as follows:

#### A. Scope

Organic products with their last course of production occurring in Taiwan and certified in accordance with Taiwan organic standards, including crops, livestock, and processed foods; the processed foods are required to comprise at least 95% ingredients that are either 1) organic products that are produced and certified in New Zealand; 2) organic products that are produced and certified in Taiwan; or 3) organic products that are produced and certified in a country and WTO member that is in organic equivalence with both Taiwan and New Zealand (Japan and Australia as of 25 April 2022).

To note, the following are not within the scope:

- In-conversion agricultural products as well as processed agricultural products produced using in-conversion agricultural products as raw ingredients
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- Wild harvested products

#### B. Standards

- Organic Agriculture Promotion Act and associated standards
- "Prohibited or restricted inputs for organic products exported from Taiwan to New Zealand" promulgated by the Council of Agriculture through the letter Nong-Shou-Liang-Zi No. 1091069125 on 17 April 2020 (link 3)
- (2) Notes for exporting organic products to New Zealand
  - A. Make sure the product is within the scope of the arrangement.
  - B. Request the Certification Body (CB) to issue a Certificate for Transactions of Organic Agricultural Products for the product.
    - → List of Taiwan CB for issuing the Certificate for Transactions of Organic Agricultural Products (<u>link 4</u>)
    - → Form of the Certificate for Transactions of Organic Agricultural Products (English) (<u>link 5</u>)
  - C. Confirm all required documents are submitted to the importer in New Zealand
- (3) New Zealand Organic Logo: New Zealand has no national organic logo.

(4) Taiwan Organic mark and labelling



## Taiwan Organic mark

- A. Labelling of Taiwan Organic mark in accordance with Article 20 of Organic Agriculture Promotion Act shall be performed by a certified Taiwanese organic operator.
- B. For the labelling, one must follow the New Zealand labelling requirement. Please make sure the details about appropriate labelling with your importer in New Zealand.
- 4. The effective date of the arrangement between New Zealand and Taiwan
- (1) This mutual recognition arrangement will enter into effect on 30 April 2020.
- (2) Organic products produced before 30 April 2020 are allowed to be imported and exported under the arrangement as long as they are attached with a valid TC or OOAC.

# Document history

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