

Documents Required for the Application of Organic Equivalence with Taiwan

(to be provided in either English or Chinese)

A formal application letter to the Agriculture and Food Agency (AFA)'s Director General, who acts on behalf of Taiwan's central competent authority of organic agriculture, the Ministry of Agriculture, shall readily indicate:

1. the scope of equivalence recognition it seeks through this application, whether it is organic crops and their processed products, organic livestock and their processed products, or organic aquatic products and their processed products, either two, or all three;
2. the contact person for this application case and his/her email address;
3. the agreement to enter into a bilateral equivalence relationship with Taiwan when the mutual review by each side find the other's organic system to be equivalent;
4. and be attached with the following documents:
 - (1) One copy of legal comparison with Taiwan's organic regulations (for the full text in both English and Chinese, please contact the undertaker)
 - A. Organic Agriculture Promotion Act
 - B. Enforcement Rules for Organic Agriculture Promotion Act
 - C. Regulations for Approving and Supervising Organic Accreditation Bodies
 - D. Operating Records Required to Be Kept by Organic Certification Bodies and Their Methods and Periods
 - E. Items Required to be Stated in the Contract between Organic Certification Bodies and Agricultural Operators
 - F. Certification Standard for Organic Agricultural Products and In-conversion Agricultural Products and Allowable Substances in their Production, Processing, Packaging, Distribution, and Sale

G. Categories and Items of Organic Agricultural Products and In-conversion Agricultural Products

H. Regulations for Managing the Labeling and Marks of Organic Agricultural Products and In-conversion Agricultural Products

I. Regulations for Managing and Reviewing Imported Organic Agricultural Products

J. Operation Directions for the Inspection of Organic Agricultural Products and In-conversion Agricultural Products and the Handling of its Results

Notes:

- 1) Comparison with Taiwan's organic regulations (including their appendices) shall be made clause by clause by citing the regulations of the applicant country, with parts that are outright incompatible clarified in the remark column.*
- 2) When comparing with the above regulation F and G, the applicant shall compare the sections where it seeks equivalence recognition from Taiwan.*

- (2) One copy of the overview of the applicant country's organic certification system including the number of certification bodies, the number of certified farms (operators) and their sum area, and the number of certified processing plants.
- (3) One copy of the description of the applicant country's management system for organic certification including the respective systems for managing domestic and imported organic products, the management measures implemented, and the respective disposals of operators, domestic certification bodies, and foreign certification bodies that are in violation of their corresponding regulations.

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