

**PROCEDURE for EXPORTATION & IMPORTATION of
ORGANIC AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS between TAIWAN and the UNITED STATES**

1. Outline

The following procedure is in pursuance of the exchanged letters on organic equivalency between Taiwan and the US. Upon entering into effect on 30 May 2020, it will start allowing the importation and exportation of agricultural products certified as “organic” by both organic systems.

2. Import from the US to Taiwan under the exchanged letters:

- (1) The part of the letters between Taiwan and the US regarding organic agricultural products that can be imported from the US to Taiwan are as follows:

A. Scope:

Organic agricultural products including crops, livestock¹, aquatic plants, and processed products (comprising at least 95% organic ingredients) that are certified to US organic standards by an NOP-accredited certification body and that are grown or produced in the US² or whose final processing or packaging in the US.

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

B. Standards:

National Organic Program (NOP) regulations (Title 7, Part 205 of the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations)

- (2) Notes for importing organic products from the US

- A. Make sure the product is within the scope of the exchanged letters.
- B. Contact your trading partner to make sure that the USDA TM-11 export certificate is issued by an NOP-accredited certification body³
 - Certification bodies that are qualified to issue TM-11 ([link 1](#)), please check the Organic Integrity Database (OID) for the most up-to-date status of all USDA-accredited certifiers.

¹ Livestock products or livestock products used as ingredients in any product covered under this paragraph must be derived from animals not treated with antibiotics, or systemic use of pain killers or analgesics, including the use of Lidocaine or Procaine. Livestock products are limited to meat, egg and milk products

² The scope of this arrangement only includes the United States (50 states and the District of Columbia) but not its insular areas like Guam and Puerto Rico.

³ When performing certification audit, US certification bodies verify that the labeling of organic products destined for Taiwan is in compliance with Taiwan’s labeling requirements (i.e. not labeled with Taiwan Organic mark).

→ Template of TM-11([link 2](#)), and must include the following statement
“Certified in compliance with the terms of the AIT/TECRO-NOP/AFA Organic Equivalence Arrangement.” in “REMARKS.”

- (3) US organic logo: Organic agricultural products exported to Taiwan may bear the USDA organic seal, illustrated below:



USDA organic seal

- (4) Taiwan Organic mark and labelling



Taiwan Organic mark

- A. US operators are not allowed to affix the Taiwan organic logo on the organic products. Under Taiwanese regulations, only “made in Taiwan” products are allowed to bear the Taiwan organic logo.
- B. In the case of importing the organic products from the US to Taiwan under the equivalency, the Taiwanese importer must apply to Taiwan’s Central Competent Authority (The Ministry of Agriculture) for importing the products, 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 the Article 18 of the Organic Agriculture Promotion Act.

3. Export from Taiwan to the US the exchanged letters

- (1) The part of the letters between Taiwan and the US regarding organic agricultural products that can be imported from Taiwan to the US are as follows:

A. Scope:

Organic agricultural products including crops, livestock⁴, aquatic plants, and processed products (comprising at least 95% organic ingredients) that are certified to Taiwanese organic standards by an AFA-supervised certification body and that are grown or produced in Taiwan or whose final processing or packaging occurs within Taiwan.

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

B. Standards:

Organic Agriculture Promotion Act and its relevant regulations

- (2) Notes for exporting organic products to the US

- A. Ensure the product is within the scope of the exchanged letters.
- B. In accordance with the U.S. Strengthening Organic Enforcement (SOE) final rule, effective March 19, 2024, all exports of organic agricultural products to the U.S. must be accompanied by an electronic NOP Import Certificate.
- C. Apply for an electronic NOP Import Certificate from your certification body before exporting your products.⁵
→List of Taiwanese certification bodies qualified to issue electronic NOP Import Certificates ([link 3](#))
→Template of an electronic NOP Import Certificate (Form NOP 2110-1) ([link 4](#)). Please include the following statement in “Box 16. REMARKS AND ATTESTATIONS”: “Certified in compliance with the terms of the AIT/TECRO-NOP/AFA Organic Equivalence Arrangement.”
- D. Certification bodies must issue electronic NOP Import Certificates in the NOP Organic INTEGRITY Database system
(<https://organic.ams.usda.gov/integrity/>) and confirm that the product name

⁴ Livestock products or livestock products used as ingredients in any product covered under this paragraph must be derived from animals not treated with antibiotics. Livestock products are limited to meat, egg and milk products

⁵ When performing certification audit, Taiwan’s certification bodies verify that the use of US organic logo on organic products destined for the US is in compliance with [NOP labeling requirements](#).

includes the word “organic.”

- E. After the issuance of an NOP Import Certificate, the certificate should be transmitted back to the Taiwan Organic Agriculture System (EPV).
 - F. Confirm that all necessary documents have been provided to the U.S. importer.
 - G. Ensure that the name of the organic product listed on all relevant documents provided to the U.S. importer, including the invoice or commercial invoice, packing list, bill of lading (B/L), and the NOP Import Certificate, is consistent and includes the word “organic.”
- (3) US organic logo: Organic agricultural products exported to the US, upon verification by the Taiwanese certification body, may bear the USDA organic seal.



USDA organic seal

- (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. Additional labeling requirements shall be confirmed with the local importer.
4. Effective date of organic equivalency between the US and Taiwan
- (1) The exchanged letters will enter into effect on 30 May 2020.
 - (2) Organic products produced before 30 May 2020 are allowed to be imported and exported under the exchanged letters as long as they are attached with a valid certificate.
5. [USDA website: Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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