

PROCEDURE for EXPORTATION & IMPORTATION
under ORGANIC EQUIVALENCY ARRANGEMENT
between TAIWAN and AUSTRALIA

1. Outline

The following procedure is in pursuance of the organic equivalency arrangement for the organic products between Taiwan and Australia.

Upon entering into effect on 23 January 2020, it will start allowing importing and exporting organic agricultural products and processed organic agricultural products certified as “organic” by both organic systems.

2. Import from Australia to Taiwan under the organic equivalency arrangement

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

A. Scope

Organic products that are produced, and made in, the jurisdictions of the Australia¹, including crops, livestock, aquatic plants, and processed foods

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
- bee products

B. Standard

The Export Control Act 2020 and associated Regulations and Orders, including the Export Control (Organic Goods) Rules 2021, which require that organic products exported from Australia meet Australia’s organic Requirements, and the additional requirements for organic products exported to Taiwan that the Australian authority agreed to in 2008 ([link 1](#)) and 2017 ([link 2](#)) respectively

- (2) Notes for importing organic products from Australia

- A. Make sure the product is within the scope of the arrangement.
- B. Contact your trading partner to make sure the Certificate for Transactions of Organic Agricultural Products (TC) is issued
- List of certification bodies that are qualified to issue the TC for Taiwan ([link 3](#))
 - Form of the the TC for Taiwan ([link 4](#)), effective 28 March 2021

- (3) Australia Organic Logo: Australia has no national organic logo. Organic products

¹ For products produced using raw ingredients imported from a third-country (other than Taiwan and Australia) that are certified to the National Standard for Organic and Biodynamic Produce in mixture with organic raw materials of Australian origin, they must undergo substantial transformation in Australia to be eligible for this equivalency recognition.

exported to Taiwan may be attached with the certificationbody logo.
(4) Taiwan Organic mark and labelling



Taiwan Organic mark

- A. Australia'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. In the case of importing the organic products from Australia 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 Australia under the organic equivalency

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

A. Scope

Organic products that are produced, and made in, the jurisdictions of the Taiwan², including crops, livestock, aquatic plants, and processed foods

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
- bee products

B. Standards

The Organic Agriculture Promotion Act and associated Standards

(2) Notes for exporting organic products to Australia

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 ([link 5](#))
- Form of the Certificate for Transactions of Organic Agricultural Products (English) ([link 6](#))

C. Confirm all required documents are submitted to the Australia's importer

(3) Australia Organic Logo: Australia has no national organic logo.

(4) Taiwan Organic mark and labelling



Taiwan Organic mark

A. It is necessary to affix the Taiwan organic mark on the products. It should be done by a certified Taiwanese organic operator.

B. For the labelling, one must follow the Australia labelling requirement. Please make sure the details about appropriate labelling with your Australia's importer.

4. Effective date of organic equivalency between Australia and Taiwan

- (1) The organic equivalency arrangement will enter into effect on 23 January 2020.

² For products produced using raw ingredients imported from a third-country (other than Taiwan and Australia) that are certified to the Organic Agriculture Promotion Act and associated Standards in mixture with organic raw materials of Taiwanese origin, they must undergo substantial transformation in Taiwan to be eligible for this equivalency recognition.

- (2) Organic products produced before 23 January 2020 are allowed to be imported and exported under the arrangement as long as they are attached with a valid TC.

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