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

1. Outline

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

Upon entering into effect on 1 February 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 Japan to Taiwan under the organic equivalency arrangement

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

A. Scope

Organic agricultural plant products produced and processed in Japan ("made in Japan") under the organic Japanese Agricultural Standards (JAS) system products

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
- Seeds and seedlings

B. Standard

Japanese Agricultural standards for organic agricultural products (Notice No. 1605 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, October 27, 2005)

Japanese Agricultural standards for organic processed foods (Notice No. 1606 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, October 27, 2005)

(2) Notes for importing organic products from Japan

A. Make sure the product is within the scope of the arrangement.

B. Contact your trading partner to make sure the Export Certificate for Taiwan[1] is issued

→List of certification bodies that are qualified to issue the Export Certificate for Taiwan (**link 1**)

→Form of the Export Certificate for Taiwan (English or Chinese) (**link 2, Instructions**)

[1] The Export Certificate for Taiwan essentially serves the same purpose as the Certificate for Transactions of Organic Agricultural Products (TC) on Taiwan side.

(3) Organic JAS Logo: Organic JAS products exported to Taiwan may be attached with the organic JAS logo.

Organic JAS Logo

(4) Taiwan Organic mark and labelling

Taiwan Organic mark

A. Japanese 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 Japan 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 Japan under the organic equivalency arrangement

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

A. Scope

Organic agricultural plant products produced and processed in Taiwan ("made in Taiwan") under the Taiwan organic certification system

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
- Seeds and seedlings

B. Standards

Certification Standard for Organic Agricultural Products and In-conversion Agricultural Products and Allowable Substances in their Production, Processing, Packaging, Distribution, and Sale (promulgated on Jun. 5, 2019 as per Order Nung-Liang-Tze 1081069457A by the COA)

(2) Notes for exporting organic products to Japan

A. Make sure the criteria your organic product is certified by:

(a) Taiwan organic criteria→ the importer must be JAS organic certified (detailed below)
(b) JAS organic criteria→ the importer is not required to be JAS organic certified
(c) Other criteria→ not applicable

B. Is the product within the scope of the arrangement?

C. Is the importer certified as an organic JAS importer?

D. Please ask the certified operator to apply a Certificate for Transactions of Organic Agricultural Products (TC) for the product via Taiwan Organic Agriculture System (https://epv.afa.gov.tw/) and contact the certification body (CB) for the relevant review procedures.

→List of Taiwan certification bodies qualified to issue a TC (**link 3**)

→Template of a TC (English or Japanese) (**link 4**)

E. Confirm all required documents are submitted to the Japanese importer

(3) Organic JAS Logo

Organic JAS Logo

A. It is necessary to affix the organic JAS logo on the products, because according to Japanese regulations, products can be sold as organic in Japan only if it is affixed with Japanese organic logo. It should be done by a JAS organic certified importer.

B. If a Taiwanese certified operator wishes to affix Japanese organic logo, it must contract with a JAS organic certified importer.

→ List of JAS organic certified importer (**link 5**)

(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 Japanese labelling requirement. Please make sure the details about appropriate labelling with your Japanese importer.

4. Effective date of organic equivalency between Japan and Taiwan

(1) The organic equivalency arrangement came into effect on 1 February 2020.

(2) From 1 January 2024, organic alcohol beverages will be included in the Taiwan-Japan organic equivalency arrangement.

Organic alcohol beverages are qualified for trading under the arrangement only if the products are attached with a transaction certificate (TC) issued on or after 1 January 2024.

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