

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

1. Outline

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

Upon entering into effect on 30 May 2020, it will start allowing importing and exporting organic agricultural products¹ certified as “organic” by both organic systems.

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

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

A. Scope

Agricultural products of plant origin, and processed foods of plant origin, livestock and livestock products as well as aquaculture products, which are grown or produced in Canada or whose final processing or packaging occurs within Canada, according to Canadian organic standard

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

“Canadian Food Inspection Agency Act”, “ Safe Food For Canadians Regulation ”, including [CAN/CGSB 32.310-2020](#), [CAN/CGSB 32.311-2020](#), and [CAN/CGSB 32.312-2018](#)

- (2) Notes for importing organic products from Canada

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

B. Contact your trading partner to make sure the Certificate for Transactions is issued by a CFIA accredited Certification Body

- List of certification bodies that are qualified to issue the Certificate for Transactions for Taiwan ([link 1](#))
- Template of the Export Certificate for Taiwan (English) ([link 2](#))

- (3) Canada Organic logo: organic products exported to Taiwan may bear the Canada

¹ Here the term “agricultural product” means any product which is produced or processed as food by utilizing natural resources, agricultural materials and technology, including cultivation, aquaculture, and animal husbandry.

Organic logo.



Canada Organic logo

(4) Taiwan Organic mark and labelling



Taiwan Organic mark

- A. Canadian operators are not allowed to affix the Taiwan organic logo on the organic products. Only “made in Taiwan” products are allowed to bear the Taiwan organic logo.
- B. In the case of importing the organic products from Canada 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.
(https://www.afa.gov.tw/eng/index.php?code=list&flag=detail&ids=478&article_id=45461)

3. Export from Taiwan to Canada under the organic equivalency

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

A. Scope

Agricultural products of plant origin, and processed foods of plant origin, livestock and livestock products as well as aquaculture products, which are grown or produced in Taiwan or whose final processing or packaging occurs within Taiwan, according to Taiwanese organic standard

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
- Any products packaged intentionally using nanotechnology
- Aquatic animals treated with antibiotics

B. Standards

- (a) Organic Agriculture Promotion Act and its accompanying regulations
- (b) Organic products derived from animals will be produced according to the Canadian organic requirements for livestock origin as set out in [CAN/CGSB-32.310](#)
- (c) Organic invertebrates will be produced according to the Canadian organic requirements as set out in [CAN/CGSB-32.312](#)

(2) Notes for exporting organic products to Canada

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 approved to issue the Certificate for Transactions of Organic Products ([link 3](#))

→ Template of the Certificate for Transactions of Organic Products ([link 4](#))

C. Request the CB to provide the approval email from CFIA and add a copy of it to the export documentation accompanying the shipment.

D. Confirm all required documents are submitted to the Canadian importer.

(3) Canada Organic logo: organic products exported to Canada may bear the Canada Organic logo as long as the label is verified by the Taiwanese Certification body certifying the product².

² Organic products exported to Canada are not required to bear Canada Organic logo. If a Taiwanese operator intends to use Canada Organic logo, it can only do so on Taiwanese organic products that are intended for the Canadian market and not anywhere else. The certification body responsible should inform the operators of the Canadian labelling requirements, which include permitted claims([link 5](#)), use of the organic logo on organic products([link 6](#)), non permitted claims([link 7](#)).



Canada 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 Canadian labelling requirement as specified in the CFIA labelling tool (<https://www.inspection.gc.ca/food-label-requirements/labelling/industry/eng/1383607266489/1383607344939>). Please make sure the details about appropriate labelling with your Canadian importer.
4. Effective date of organic equivalency between Canada and Taiwan
- (1) The organic equivalency arrangement 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 arrangement as long as they are attached with a valid certificate.

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