

**PROCEDURE for EXPORTATION & IMPORTATION of ORGANIC AGRICULTURE
PRODUCTS between TAIWAN and PARAGUAY**

1. Summary

The following procedure is in pursuance of memorandum of understanding on mutual recognition of organic equivalence (“the MOU”) between Taiwan and Paraguay. Effective from 25 April 2023, the procedure authorizes agricultural products certified as “organic” by either organic system to be exported and imported for sales in the other market.

2. Import from Paraguay to Taiwan under the MOU

- (1) Rules under the MOU regarding organic agricultural products that can be imported from Paraguay to Taiwan:

A. Scope:

Edible organic agricultural products (including processed products) of plant-based origin that are grown or produced in Paraguay and certified to Paraguay’s organic regulations. Processed foods must be certified as having been processed in ways that can achieve substantial transformation within the domestic territory of Paraguay (i.e. Paraguay is the place of origin).

It shall be noted that the following categories are excluded:

- In-conversion agricultural products and processed products made from in-conversion agricultural products;
- Aquaculture products, including algae and other aquatic plants or plant-like species;
- Apiculture products;
- Livestock products.

B. Standards:

Law of Promotion and Control of Organic Production and its relevant regulations

- (2) Notes for importing organic products from Paraguay

- A. Make sure the product is within the scope of the MOU.
- B. Contact your trade partner to make sure that a Certificate for Transactions of Organic Agricultural Products (TC) has been issued.
- List of certification bodies qualified to issue a TC ([link 1](#))
 - Template of a TC ([link 2](#))

- (3) Paraguay Organic logo: Organic agricultural products exported to Taiwan

must bear an Paraguay Organic logo, as shown below:



Paraguay Organic logo

(4) Taiwan Organic mark and labeling



Taiwan Organic mark

- A. The Taiwan Organic mark shall not appear on organic products imported from Paraguay under the MOU. Under Taiwanese regulations, imported organic products are not allowed to bear the Taiwan Organic mark.
 - B. When importing organic products from Paraguay to Taiwan under the MOU, a Taiwanese importer must apply to Taiwan's Central Competent Authority (The Ministry of Agriculture) for issuance of an approval document. Before the products are put on the market, the following information shall be labeled, in Chinese, on the containers or packaging of the products according to Article 18 of *the Organic Agriculture Promotion Act*:
 - a. Product name. (It should be the same as indicated in the approval document.)
 - b. Ingredients.
 - c. Name, address, and telephone number of the importer.
 - d. Place (country) of origin.
 - e. Name of the certification body.
 - f. Approval document number.
3. Export from Taiwan to Paraguay under the MOU
- (1) Rules under the MOU regarding organic agricultural products that can be exported from Taiwan to Paraguay:

- A. Scope:
Edible organic agricultural products (including processed products)

of plant-based origin that are grown or produced in Taiwan and that are certified to Taiwan's organic regulations. Processed foods must be certified as having been processed in ways that can achieve substantial transformation within the domestic territory of Taiwan (i.e. Taiwan is the place of origin).

It shall be noted that the following categories are excluded:

- In-conversion agricultural products and processed products made from in-conversion agricultural products;
- Aquaculture products, including algae and other aquatic plants or plant-like species;
- Apiculture products;
- Livestock products.

B. Standards:

The *Organic Agriculture Promotion Act* and its relevant regulations

(2) Notes for exporting organic products to Paraguay

- A. Make sure the product is within the scope of the MOU.
- B. The producer or manufacturer of the product shall request its certification body to issue a Certificate for Transactions of Organic Agricultural Products (TC) .
 - List of Taiwanese certification bodies that are qualified to issue a TC ([link 3](#))
 - Template of a TC ([link 4](#))
- C. Ensure that all required documents have been provided to the Paraguay importer.

(3) Paraguay Organic logo and labeling



Paraguay Organic logo

- A. The Paraguay Organic logo is not allowed to be put on the packaging of organic products to be exported from Taiwan to Paraguay.
- B. Please consult your importer in Paraguay about the country's product labeling rules and what you need to do to ensure the rules are followed.

(4) Taiwan Organic mark and labeling



Taiwan Organic mark

The Taiwan Organic mark is required and shall be put on products by a certified Taiwanese organic agricultural product operator.

4. Effective date of organic equivalency between Taiwan and Paraguay
 - (1) The MOU was signed and entered into effect on 25 April 2023.
 - (2) Only TCs issued after the promulgation of this procedure on 25 April 2023 are valid for trade in organic agricultural products between Taiwan and Paraguay.

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