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

1. Summary

   The following procedure is in pursuance of the organic equivalency arrangement between Taiwan and India ("the arrangement"). Effective from July 8, 2024, 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 India to Taiwan under the organic equivalency arrangement

   (1) Rules under the arrangement regarding organic agricultural products that can be imported from India to Taiwan:

A. Scope: Edible organic agricultural products (including processed products) of plant-based origin that are grown or produced in India and certified to India's organic regulations. Processed foods must be certified as having been processed in ways that can achieve substantial transformation within the domestic territory of India (i.e. India is the place of origin) and comprise of at least 95% ingredients that are either: 1) organic products that are produced and certified in India under India's organic regulations; 2) organic products that are produced and certified in Taiwan under Taiwan's organic regulations; or 3) organic products that are produced and certified within the domestic territory and according to the organic regulations of a country or a World Trade Organization (WTO) member that has organic equivalence with both Taiwan and India. 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 National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) and the special management measures for Indian organic products destined for Taiwan to ensure compliance with Taiwanese regulations (link

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(2) Notes for importing organic products from India

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

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 2). A accredited certification body whenever get suspended or unrenewed is not permitted for issuance of TC during suspension or unrenewal period.
→ Template of a TC (link 3)

(3) India Organic logo: Organic agricultural products exported to Taiwan must bear an India Organic logo, as shown below:



India Organic logo

(4) Taiwan Organic mark and labeling



Taiwan Organic mark

A. The Taiwan Organic mark shall not appear on organic products imported from India under the arrangement. Under Taiwanese regulations, imported organic products are not allowed to bear the Taiwan Organic mark.

B. When importing organic products from India to Taiwan under the arrangement, 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 India under the arrangement

(1) Rules under the arrangement regarding organic agricultural products that can be exported from Taiwan to India:

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) and comprise of at least 95% ingredients that are either: 1) organic products that are produced and certified in India under India's organic regulations; 2) organic products that are produced and certified in Taiwan under Taiwan's organic regulations; or 3) organic products that are produced and certified within the territory and according to the organic regulations of a country or a World Trade Organization (WTO) member that has organic equivalence with both Taiwan and India.

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 India

A. Make sure the product is within the scope of the arrangement.
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 4)

→ Template of a TC (link 5)

C. Ensure that all required documents have been provided to the Indian importer.

(3) India Organic logo and labeling



India Organic logo

A. The India Organic logo is allowed to be put, by the Taiwanese agricultural product operator, on the packaging of organic products to be exported from Taiwan to India.

B. Please consult your importer in India about the country's product labeling rules (including the use of the India Organic logo and the text to be included) 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 India

(1) The arrangement was signed and entered into effect on October 22, 2021.

(2) Only TCs issued after the promulgation of this procedure on July 8, 2024 are valid for trade in organic agricultural products between Taiwan and India.

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