

Inspection Methods Pertaining to Production Processes for Organic Plants, Organic Processed Foods, Organic Feeds and Organic Livestock Products

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I. Scope of Application

These Inspection Methods apply to production processes for organic plants, organic processed foods, organic feeds and organic livestock products conducted by production process managers who have been certified under Article 14, Paragraph 2 of the Law Concerning Standardization and Proper Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products (1950 Law No. 175) and overseas production process managers who have been certified under the provisions of Article 19-3, Paragraph 2 of said Law (hereinafter “Certified Production Process Managers, etc.”).

II. Inspection of Production Processes for Organic Plants and Organic Feeds (Limited to those that have only undergone processing or selection processes)

The inspection of production processes for organic plants and organic feeds (limited to those that have only undergone processing or selection processes) shall be conducted by Certified Production Process Managers, etc. in accordance to the following provisions for each lot recognized as being based on identical production methods (hereinafter “Production Lots”).

1. Confirmation that management records for production processes under said Production Lots have been prepared for each of the following items, and that said records are being properly stored
 - (1) Location of field, cultivation site or collection area
 - (2) Categories of crops produced
 - (3) Cultivation area
 - (4) Date and description of work
 - (5) Name of seeds, seedlings, etc. (refers to all or part of seedlings, planting stock, scions, rootstocks and other plants (excepting seeds) used for

- breeding purposes) or fungi used and quantities used or purchased
- (6) Names of agricultural chemicals and other materials used and quantities of said materials used
 - (7) Names of machines and tools used and pertinent management methods
 - (8) Management concerning harvest, transportation, selection, processing, cleaning, storage, packaging and other post-harvest processes
2. Confirmation that the management records for the production processes in question concern said Production Lots
 3. Confirmation through management records for the production processes in question regarding whether or not production methods for said Production Lots conform with standards for production methods stipulated in Article 4 under the Japanese Agricultural Standards for Organic Plants (the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Public Notice No. 1605 of October 27, 2005)

III. Inspection of Production Processes for Organic Processed Foods and Organic Feeds (Limited to those that have undergone processes other than processing or selection)

The inspection of production processes for organic processed foods and organic feeds (limited to those that underwent processes other than processing or selection) shall be conducted by Certified Production Process Managers, etc. in accordance to the following provisions with respect to each Production Lot.

1. Confirmation that management records for production processes under said Production Lots have been prepared for each of the following items, and that said records are being properly stored
 - (1) Placement of production facilities
 - (2) Categories of processed foods or feeds produced, the date and description of their manufacture, and the name and respective percentage of ingredients used
 - (3) Names and quantities of food additives, feed additives, chemicals, etc. used
 - (4) Names of machines and tools used and pertinent management methods
 - (5) Management concerning manufacture, processing, packaging, storage and other processes
2. Confirmation that management records for production processes under

II.1 that pertain to Production Lots for plants used in organic feeds stipulated in Column 2 under the criteria for ingredients in the Table under Article 4 of the Japanese Agricultural Standards for Organic feeds (the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Public Notice No. 1607 of October 27, 2005; hereinafter “Organic Feed Standards”) have been prepared, and that said records are being properly stored in instances where said plants are personally produced.

3. Confirmation that the management records for the production processes in question concern said Production Lots
4. Confirmation through management records for the production processes in question regarding whether or not production methods for said Production Lots conform with criteria for production methods stipulated in Article 4 under Japanese Agricultural Standards for Organic Processed Foods (the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Public Notice No. 1606 of October 27, 2005) or production methods stipulated in Article 4 of the Organic Feed Standards

IV. Inspection of Production Processes for Organic Livestock Products

The inspection of production processes for organic livestock products shall be conducted by Certified Production Process Managers, etc. in accordance to the following provisions with respect to each Production Lot.

1. Confirmation that management records for production processes under said Production Lots have been prepared for each of the following items, and that said records are being properly stored
 - (1) Location and area of farm
 - (2) Names and quantities of agricultural chemicals and other materials used
 - (3) Names of machines and tools used and pertinent management methods
 - (4) Origin of livestock and poultry used in production
 - (5) Feeding history on individual or group basis (date organic feeding commenced; description and quantities of feeds supplied; status of access to outdoor farms; description of neutering and other surgical procedures implemented and accompanying implementation methods, as well as categories of veterinary drugs used and dates of usage)
 - (6) Management methods for excretion
 - (7) Transportation methods for livestock or poultry
 - (8) Milking or egg collection methods

- (9) Management concerning slaughter, dressing, selection, processing, cleaning, storage, packaging and other processes
2. Confirmation that the management records for the production processes in question concern said Production Lots
3. Confirmation through management records for the production processes in question regarding whether or not production methods for said Production Lots conform with standards for production methods stipulated in Article 4 under Japanese Agricultural Standards for Organic Livestock Products (the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Public Notice No. 1608 of October 27, 2005)

Supplementary Provisions (Public Notice of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries No. 1971, December 22, 2005)

(Date of Enforcement)

1. This Public Notice shall be enforced from the day of its promulgation.
(Abolition of Inspection Methods Pertaining to Production Processes for Organic Plants and Organic Processed Foods of Plant Origin)
2. The Inspection Methods Pertaining to Production Processes for Organic Plants and Organic Processed Foods of Plant Origin (the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Public Notice No. 830 of June 9, 2000) shall be abolished.

(Interim Measures)

3. Inspections methods pertaining to organic plants or organic processed foods of plant origin in grading conducted in accordance to provisions under Paragraph 2 of the Supplementary Provisions to the Japanese Agricultural Standards for Organic Plants (the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Public Notice No. 1605 of October 27, 2005) or Paragraph 2 of the Supplementary Provisions to the Japanese Agricultural Standards for Organic Processed Foods (the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Public Notice No. 1606 of October 27, 2005) shall continue to be in accordance with existing practices.

Supplementary Provisions (Public Notice of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries No. 210, February 28, 2006) (Extract)

(Date of Enforcement)

This Public Notice shall be enforced from March 1, 2006.

(Date of Enforcement of Final Amendment)

Public Notice of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries No. 1183,
April 27, 2012 shall be enforced from April 27, 2012.