



# Organic Food Federation

## Explanatory Note 319

*These notes are intended to help applicants comply with the USDA National Organic Program standards. They are not exhaustive and are for explanation only. In cases of doubt the current version of the NOP Regulatory Text must be consulted.*

### EXPORTING TO THE USA?

To export organic products to the United States your production facilities, the products that you export and the products that you purchase for the purpose of exporting must be certified as compliant with the United States Department of Agriculture National Organic Program (NOP) Standard.

### Features Applicable to all Exporters to the USA

1. In order to become certified as compliant with the NOP Standard you must have an approved Organic System Plan (OSP) This OSP must have been prepared by you and approved by us before we can inspect you.

Explanatory Note 320 describes the preparation of an OSP

2. All your raw materials and other inputs, as we call them, must comply with NOP standards and, all the organic agricultural ingredients that you use must have valid certificates of compliance with the NOP Standard.
3. All your agricultural, processing or other food handling practices must comply with the NOP Standard.
4. All your labels for products to be exported to the US must comply with the NOP Standard.

Explanatory Note 321 describes the key labelling requirements.

5. After your initial inspection, you must accept additional announced and unannounced inspections as required to verify that you are complying with your OSP and the NOP Standard.

Explanatory Note 322 which describes what we do at inspections.

6. You must advise us and await our agreement when changes need to be made to your OSP or any product formulations before they are implemented.
7. You must keep records concerning the production, processing and other handling of the products you export to the US which verify that
  - you are working in compliance with your OSP
  - organic materials you purchased comply with NOP Standard
  - the synthetic and non-synthetic substances you use are allowed in the NOP Standard
  - you have acceptable evidence that any non organic agricultural products are not available commercially.

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