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OIA Certification



SIMPLE STEPS TO ORGANIC CERTIFICATION



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OIA NORTH AMERICA'S USDA NATIONAL ORGANIC PROGRAM CERTIFICATION PROGRAM



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STEP 1: Request Certification Information Packet

The first step is to request a free certification information packet form OIA North America. Using the information in the form you submit, OIA North America will provide a detailed fee estimate, as well as a copy of the USDA regulations, a compliance plan for you to complete, and all the information necessary to apply for certification.

STEP 2: Read Regulation and Complete Compliance Plan

The multi-page compliance plan is a questionnaire that asks a number of questions about how you plan to comply with the regulation. If you have questions, you can always contact the OIA North America staff for clarification of what is being asked.

STEP 3: Submit Compliance Plan to OIA North America

Through postal mail or through the internet.

STEP 4: OIA North America Reviews Compliance Plan

OIA North America reviews the compliance plan to determine if the compliance plan, if implemented as described would comply with the regulation. If not, the applicant is contacted to make appropriate corrections. If it appears that the plan would lead to compliance if followed, OIA North America proceeds to assign an inspector.

STEP 5: On-Site Inspection

OIA North America conducts an on-site inspection at a mutually agreed upon time to verify that the compliance plan submitted has been effectively implemented at the operation. Post-inspection, the inspector submits a written report of his or her findings to OIA North America.

STEP 6: OIA North America Conducts Final Compliance Review (Certification)

OIA North America reviews the compliance plan, the inspector's report, and any additional information and documentation collected during the process and makes a final determination of whether the operation complies with the regulations. If so, OIA North America issues a USDA NOP Organic certificate. If not, the operation is contacted to make appropriate corrections, where correction is possible.

STEP 7: On-Going Compliance and Renewal

After certification is granted, the operation must maintain compliance with the approved compliance plan, notify OIA and receive approval for changes, and update the compliance plan annually and submit to annual on-site inspections.

