



Policy Memorandum

To: Stakeholders and Interested Parties

From: Jennifer Tucker, Deputy Administrator

Subject: California State Organic Program, Additional Requirements Approved

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The National Organic Program (NOP) has approved the addition of requirements to the California State Organic Program (SOP), co-administered by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), that supplement the NOP regulations.

The additional requirements are the following:

- Organic producers and handlers of raw agricultural products with facilities located within the State of California must register with CDFA.
- Organic processors with facilities located within the State of California must register with CDPH.
- Organic producers, handlers, and processors within the State of California that are not required to register with CDPH under section 110875(a) of the California Health and Safety Code, must register with CDFA and provide a valid registration certificate from CDFA to the accredited certifying agent prior to the granting or continuation of NOP certification.
- Organic processors within the State of California must provide verification of registration, or verification that an Organic Processed Product Registration application has been submitted to the CDPH, to the accredited certifying agent prior to granting or continuation of NOP certification.
- USDA accredited certifying agents operating within the State of California must register with the CDFA.

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This document supersedes “California State Organic Program, Additional Requirements Granted” notices dated May 12, 2010 and January 21, 2011, which are now obsolete.