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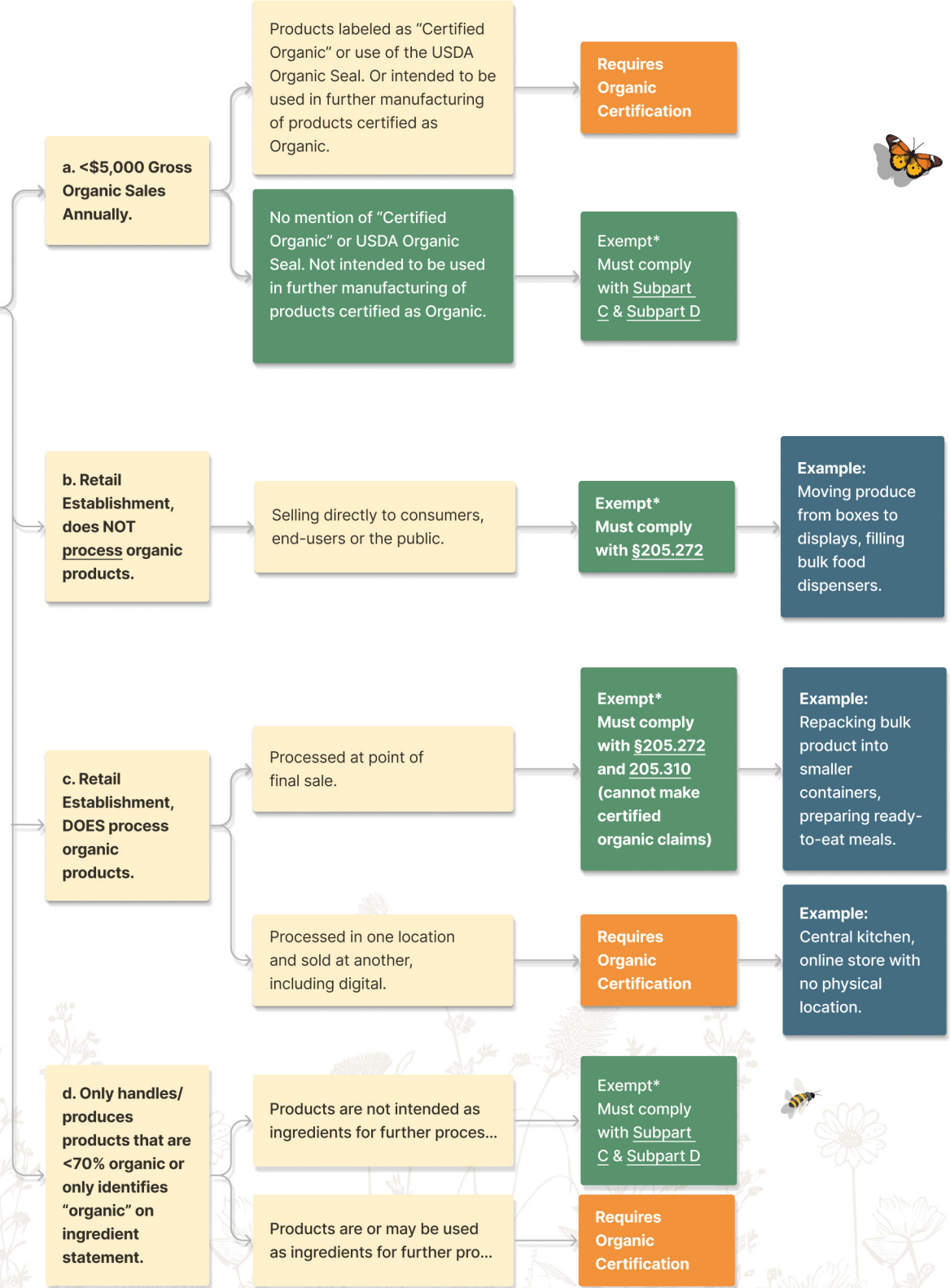
REQUIRES CERTIFICATION:

- Livestock Production
- Growing Crops
- Combining/ Splitting Loads
- Labeling, Packaging, Blending, Processing
- Importing or Exporting into the US
- Buying, Selling, Storing, Receiving, Loading or Unloading Unpackaged Product



NOTES:

- Process and other terms are defined in [§205.2 Terms Defined](#)
- [§205.272](#) – Commingling and contact with prohibited substance prevention practice standard.





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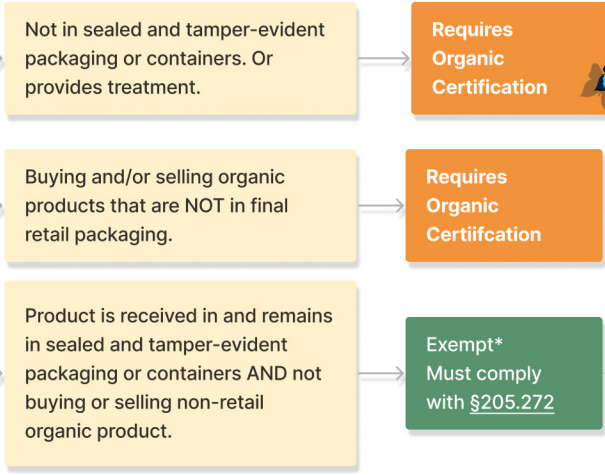
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Sealed and tamper - evident packaging or container means that the contents are sealed in a manner where an attempt to break the seal, access the contents, or reclose the package would be obvious.

- Examples of Sealed & Tamper - Evident**
- Produce boxes with "Do not tamper with" tape
 - Sealed bulk bags of flour that are sewn or glued shut
 - Sealed drums or totes of oil

- Examples of NOT Sealed & Tamper - Evident**
- Produce boxes that are not taped shut with tamper - evident tape
 - Bulk bags of flour that are folded but not sealed
 - Open totes or drums

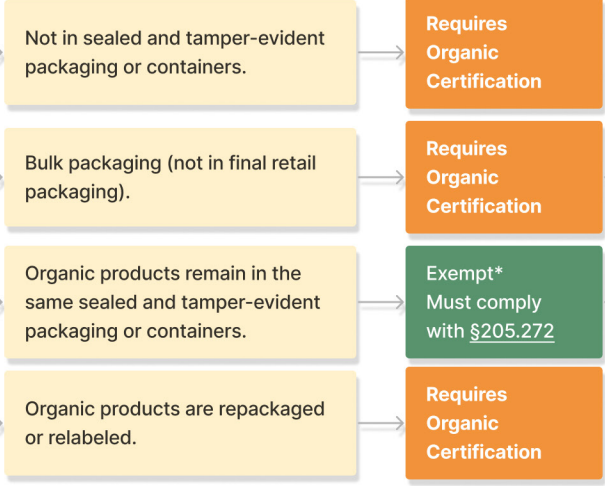
e. Receives, stores, and/or prepares for shipment only products in sealed and tamper-evident packaging or containers.



Example:
A warehouse who provides ethylene treatment for ripening.

Example:
Warehouses who store & distribute on behalf of an organic certified company, but does not own, buy, or sell the organic products.

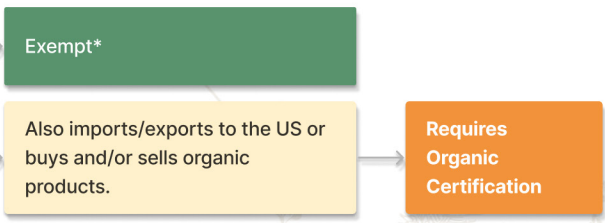
f. Buys, sells, receives, stores, and/or prepares for shipment only products in sealed and tamper-evident retail packaging or containers.



Example:
A broker who buys/sells organic products, but does not handle them in any other way.

Example:
Warehouses who store and distribute retail packed products, brand owners who only take possession of finished retail products (not bulk ingredients).

g. Customs broker (per 19 CFR 111.1) that only conducts customs business but does not otherwise handle organic products.



Example:
A logistics broker or freight forwarder.

h. Only arranges for the shipping, storing, transport, or movement of organic products but does not otherwise handle organic products.

