



ORGANIC LABELING *and* COMPOSITION GUIDE

IF YOU WANT TO CLAIM:

MADE WITH ORGANIC

(OR SIMILAR STATEMENT)

§205.301 (c)

PRODUCT CONTENT

- ▶ Must contain at least 70% organic ingredients, excluding water and salt.
- ▶ Must not contain added sulfites; however, wine may contain added sulfur dioxide in accordance with 7 CFR 205.605.
- ▶ May contain up to 30% total of:
 - Nonorganically produced agricultural ingredients without being limited to those on 7 CFR 205.606
 - Other substances allowed by 7 CFR 205.605.
 - Non-organic substances must not be produced using ionizing irradiation, sewage sludge and excluded methods (GMOs).
- ▶ May contain organic and non-organic forms of the same ingredient

§205.304 (b)

LABEL MUST

- ▶ Show an ingredient statement.
- ▶ List the organic ingredients as “organic” when other organic labeling is shown:¹ Water and salt included as ingredients must not be identified as organic. **IS**
- ▶ Show name and address of the handler (bottler, distributor, importer, manufacturer, packer, processor, etc.) of the finished product, the statement: “Certified organic by ___” or similar phrase, followed by the name of the Certifying Agent. The “Certified Organic by ___” statement must be below the handler information. Certifying Agent seals may not be used to satisfy this requirement. **IP**
- ▶ If stating “Made with organic:”²
 - Statement must appear in the same font, size, style and color without emphasis and may only be one half the size of the largest type size on that panel.
 - Only three organic ingredients or product group may be listed in this statement.
 - If specified food group is used, all ingredients must be organic.

§205.304 (a)

LABEL MAY

- ▶ Use the term “Made with organic (specified ingredients or food groups²).” **PDP IP OP**
- ▶ Declare a percentage statement: “X% organic” or “X% organic ingredients.”, as long as the statement appears in its entirety in the same font size, style and color and cannot be more than one half the size of the largest font on that panel. If the percentage statement is used, a “Made with Organic (specified ingredients or food groups)” claim must also be made on the same panel. **PDP IP OP**
- ▶ Use certifying agent seal(s). **PDP OP**
- ▶ Use certifying agent’s address, website or phone number. **IP**

§205.304 (c)

LABEL MAY NOT

- ▶ Use the USDA Organic seal
- ▶ Use company/brand names that includes the word “Organic” or similar phrase, or imply that the product is in the “Organic” category.³

¹ To identify an ingredient as organically produced, in the ingredient statement use the word “organic” in conjunction with the name of the ingredient, an asterisk, or other reference mark defined below the ingredient statement.

² Product groups allowed are: beans, fish, fruits, grains, herbs, meats, nuts, oils, poultry, seeds, spices, sweeteners, vegetables, and processed milk products

³ Company names that include “organic” or a variation of the word “organic” are only permitted to be listed on the information panel as part of the information identifying the handler/distributor