

ORGANIC LABELING and COMPOSITION GUIDE

IF YOU WANT TO CLAIM: ORGANIC

(OR SIMILAR STATEMENT)

§205.301 (b)

§205.303 (b)

§205.303 (a)

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§205.300

PRODUCT CONTENT

- Must contain at least 95% organic ingredients, excluding water and
- Must not contain added sulfites.
- May contain up to 5% total of:
 - Non-organically produced agricultural ingredients listed on 205.606 AND not commercially available in organic form
 - Other substances allowed by 7 CFR 205.605
 - Non-organic substances must not be produced using ionizing irradiation, sewage sludge, excluded methods (GMOs).
- Any agricultural processing aids used must be organic or specifically listed on 205.606 and not commercially available
- Cannot contain organic and nonorganic forms of the same ingredient

LABEL MUST

- When organic claims are present on label, list the organic ingredients as organic in the ingredient statement (if applicable.) Water and salt included as ingredients must not be identified as organic.
- 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.

LABEL MAY

- Use the term organic to modify the product name. PDP IP OP
- Declare product organic percentage "X% organic" or "X% organic ingredients."
- note: the size of the percentage statement must not exceed onehalf the size of the largest type size on the panel and must all be in same font type, size, style and color.
- Use the USDA Organic seal and/or certifying agent seal(s).
- Use the certifying agent's address, website or phone number.

LABEL MAY NOT

- Use the term organic in the product name to modify a non-organic ingredient in the product. (Organic Salt and Pepper Chips)
- Display the certifier's seal more prominently than the USDA Organic seal.

¹ To identify an ingredient as organically produced, in the ingredients 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 If your product contains more than 95% organic ingredients and uses a non-organic agricultural ingredient not listed on §205.606 or an ingredient listed on §205.605 with specific annotation only for "made with products", your product may only qualify for "made with category."