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DO YOU NEED TO BE CERTIFIED? **ASSESS YOUR SUPPLY CHAIN.**

More than one activity may apply; portions of your business may need to be certified while other portions may be exempt.





REQUIRES CERTIFICATION

EXAMPLES

(§205.101a-h)

least 3 years.

demonstrate products

identified as organic were organically produced, verify quantities of organic products received and shipped or sold, and must keep records for at

*Must maintain records that

a. <\$5,000 Gross **Exemptions from Organic Sales** Certification Annually.

Products labeled as "Certified Organic" or use of the USDA Organic Seal. Or intended to be used in further manufacturing of products certified as Organic.

No mention of "Certified Organic" or USDA Organic Seal. Not intended to be used in further manufacturing of products certified as Organic.

Exempt* Must comply with Subpart C & Subpart D



REQUIRES

- · Livestock Production
- Growing Crops

CERTIFICATION:

- · Combining/ Splitting Loads
- · Labeling, Packaging, Blending, **Processing**
- Importing or Exporting
- Receiving, Loading or **Unloading Unpackaged Product**



Selling directly to consumers, end-users or the public.

Exempt* **Must comply** with §205.272 Example: Moving produce from boxes to displays, filling bulk food dispensers.

into the US · Buying, Selling, Storing,



Processed at point of final sale.

Must comply with §205.272 and 205.310 (cannot make certified organic claims)

Exempt*

Example:

Repacking bulk product into smaller containers, preparing readyto-eat meals.



NOTES:

- · Process and other terms are defined in §205.2 Terms **Defined**
- . §205.272 Commingling and contact with prohibited substance prevention practice standard.

Processed in one location and sold at another, including digital.

Example: Central kitchen, online store with no physical location.

d. Only handles/ produces products that are <70% organic or only identifies "organic" on ingredient

statement.

Products are not intended as ingredients for further proces...

Products are or may be used as ingredients for further pro... Exempt* Must comply C & Subpart D





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Not in sealed and tamper-evident packaging or containers. Or provides treatment.

Requires
Organic
Certification

Example:A warehouse who provides ethylene treatment for ripening.

Exemptions from Certification

(§205.101a-h)

*Must maintain records that demonstrate products identified as organic were organically produced, verify quantities of organic products received and shipped or sold, and must keep records for at least 3 years.

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

evident packaging

or containers.

Buying and/or selling organic products that are NOT in final retail packaging.

Product is received in and remains in sealed and tamper-evident packaging or containers AND not buying or selling non-retail organic product. Requires
Organic
Certifcation

Exempt*
Must comply
with §205.272

Example:

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

(i)

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.

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

g. Customs broker

that only conducts customs business

(per 19 CFR 111.1)

otherwise handle

organic products.

h. Only arranges for

storing, transport,

or movement of

organic products

otherwise handle

organic products.

the shipping,

but does not

but does not

Not in sealed and tamper-evident packaging or containers.

Organic products remain in the

packaging or containers.

same sealed and tamper-evident

Organic products are repackaged

Bulk packaging (not in final retail

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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).

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

Exempt*

or relabeled.

packaging).

Also imports/exports to the US or buys and/or sells organic products.

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Organic
Certification

Requires

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

Exempt*

Also imports/exports to the US or buys and/or sells organic products.

Example:
A logistics broker or freight forwarder.

Promoting and supporting biologically sound and socially equitable food systems and agriculture.