

Inspection Methods Pertaining to Production Processes for Organic Plants,
Organic Processed Foods, Organic Feeds and Organic Livestock etc.
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I. Scope of Application

These Inspection Methods apply to production processes for organic plants, organic processed foods, organic feeds and organic livestock etc. conducted by production process managers who have been certified under Article 10, paragraph 2 of the Law Concerning Japanese Agricultural Standards etc. (1950 Law No. 175) and overseas production process managers who have been certified under Article 30, paragraph 2 of the Law (hereinafter “Certified Production Process Managers, etc.”).

II. Inspection of Production Processes for Organic Plants and Organic Feeds (Limited to those that have only undergone processing or selection processes)

The inspection of production processes for organic plants and organic feeds (limited to those that have only undergone processing or selection processes) shall be conducted by Certified Production Process Managers, etc. in accordance to the following provisions for each lot recognized as being based on identical production methods (hereinafter “Production Lots”); provided, however, in the confirmation of 3, when a prohibited substance is mixed in a field, cultivation site or collection area for a reason which is not the fault of Certified Production Process Managers, etc. and when the amount of the mixed prohibited substance is very small, said prohibited substance shall be deemed not to be used for a lot which is harvested on and after the day on which one year has elapsed from the day on which the prohibited substance is mixed.

1. Confirmation that management records for production processes under said Production Lots have been prepared for each of the following items, and that said records are being properly stored
 - (1) Location of field, cultivation site or collection area
 - (2) Categories of crops produced
 - (3) Cultivation area
 - (4) Date and description of work
 - (5) Name of seeds, seedlings, etc. (refers to all or part of seedlings, planting stock, scions, rootstocks and other plants (excepting seeds) used for breeding purposes) or fungi used and quantities used or purchased
 - (6) Names of agricultural chemicals and other materials used and quantities of said materials used
 - (7) Names of machines and tools used and pertinent management methods

(8) Management concerning harvest, transportation, selection, processing, cleaning, storage, packaging and other post-harvest processes

2. Confirmation that the management records for the production processes in question concern said Production Lots

3. Confirmation through management records for the production processes in question regarding whether or not production methods for said Production Lots conform with standards for production methods stipulated in Article 4 under the Japanese Agricultural Standards for Organic Plants (the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Public Notice No. 1605 of October 27, 2005)

III. Inspection of Production Processes for Organic Processed Foods and Organic Feeds (Limited to those that have undergone processes other than processing or selection)

The inspection of production processes for organic processed foods and organic feeds (limited to those that underwent processes other than processing or selection) shall be conducted by Certified Production Process Managers, etc. in accordance to the following provisions with respect to each Production Lot.

1. Confirmation that management records for production processes under said Production Lots have been prepared for each of the following items, and that said records are being properly stored

(1) Placement of production facilities

(2) Categories of processed foods or feeds produced, the date and description of their manufacture, and the name and respective percentage of ingredients used

(3) Names and quantities of food additives, feed additives, chemicals, etc. used

(4) Names of machines and tools used and pertinent management methods

(5) Management concerning manufacture, processing, packaging, storage and other processes

2. Confirmation that management records for production processes under II.1 that pertain to Production Lots for plants used in organic feeds stipulated in Column 2 under the criteria for ingredients in the Table under Article 4 of the Japanese Agricultural Standards for Organic feeds (the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Public Notice No. 1607 of October 27, 2005; hereinafter “Organic Feed Standards”) have been prepared, and that said records are being properly stored in instances where said plants are personally produced.

3. Confirmation that the management records for the production processes in question concern said Production Lots

4. Confirmation through management records for the production processes in question regarding whether or not production methods for said Production Lots conform with criteria for production methods stipulated in Article 4 under Japanese Agricultural Standards for Organic Processed Foods (the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Public Notice No. 1606 of October 27, 2005) or production methods stipulated in Article 4 of the Organic Feed Standards.

IV. Inspection of Production Processes for Organic Livestock etc.

The inspection of production processes for organic livestock etc. shall be conducted by Certified Production Process Managers, etc. in accordance to the following provisions with respect to each Production Lot.

1. Confirmation that management records for production processes under said Production Lots have been prepared for each of the following items, and that said records are being properly stored
 - (1) Location and area of farm
 - (2) Names and quantities of agricultural chemicals and other materials used
 - (3) Names of machines and tools used and pertinent management methods
 - (4) Origin of livestock and poultry
 - (5) Feeding history on individual or group basis (date organic feeding commenced; description and quantities of feeds supplied; status of access to outdoor farms; description of neutering and other surgical procedures implemented and accompanying implementation methods, as well as categories of veterinary drugs used and dates of usage)
 - (6) Management methods for excretion
 - (7) Transportation methods for livestock or poultry
 - (8) Milking or egg collection methods
 - (9) Management concerning slaughter, dressing, selection, processing, cleaning, storage, packaging and other processes
2. Confirmation that the management records for the production processes in question concern said Production Lots
3. Confirmation through management records for the production processes in question regarding whether or not production methods for said Production Lots conform with standards for production methods stipulated in Article 4 under Japanese Agricultural Standards for Organic Livestock etc. (the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Public Notice No. 1608 of October 27, 2005) Supplementary Provisions (Public Notice of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries No. 1971, December 22, 2005)

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