

Inspection Methods for the Production Process of Organic Plant Products,
Organic Feed, Organic Livestock Products and Organic Processed Foods
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1 Scope

This document specifies the Inspection Methods for the Production Process of Organic Plant Products, Organic Feed, Organic Livestock Products and Organic Processed Foods, that are conducted by production process managers and overseas production process managers, who have been certified under Article 10-2) and Article 30-2) of Act on Japanese Agricultural Standards (Act No.175 of 1950) respectively,

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this Japanese Agricultural Standard. For undated references, the latest edition of the referred document applies.

JAS 1605 Organic Products of Plant Origin

JAS 1606 Organic Processed Foods

JAS 1607 Organic Feed

JAS 1608 Organic Livestock Products

Technical Criteria for Production Process Managers of Organic Plant Products and Organic Feeds (Limited to those that have undergone only the process of preparation or sorting) (Notification No.1830 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of November 25, 2005)

3 Terms and definitions

For the purpose of this criteria, the terms and definitions specified in JAS 1606, JAS 1607 and JAS 1608 apply.

4 Inspection of Production Process

4.1 Inspection of Production Processes for Organic Plant Products and Organic Feeds (Limited to those that have only undergone the process of preparation or sorting)

The inspection of production processes for organic plant products and organic feeds (limited to those that have only undergone the process of preparation or sorting) shall be conducted by Certified Production Process Managers, etc. in accordance with the following checklist specified in a) ~ c), for each lot recognized as being based on identical production methods (hereinafter referred to as “Production Lots”).

However, in the cases where the following c) is to be confirmed,

- 1) Provided that any prohibited substances be found mixed in a field, cultivation sites or collection sites, for the reasons not attributable to the Certified Production Process Managers, etc., and if the amount of such prohibited substances is very small, or such prohibited substances was used for pest control in accordance with Plant Protection Act (Act No.151 of 1950, such prohibited substances are deemed not have been used for the relevant Production Lots, that have been harvested on and after the day on which one year has elapsed since the occurrence of contamination by the prohibited substances.
 - 2) Provided that any prohibited substances be found mixed in the seedling places (pursuant to 4.12 of Technical Certification Criteria for Production Process Managers of Organic Plant Products and Organic Feeds (Limited to those that have undergone only the process of preparation or sorting)) or the places where seeds or seedlings (to be used for the fields) were grown, for the reasons not attributable to the certified production process managers etc., and if the amount of such prohibited substances is very small, or such prohibited substances was used for pest control in accordance with Plant Protection Act, such prohibited substances are deemed not have been used for the seeds or seedlings etc., which are produced in the relevant seedling places or the places where seeds or seedlings (to be used for the fields) were grown,
- a) Confirmation that production process management records for the relevant Production Lots for the following items have been created and properly stored.
- 1) Location of the fields, cultivation sites or collection sites
 - 2) Types of crops produced
 - 3) Cultivation area
 - 4) Date and description of the work
 - 5) Names and quantity (used or purchased) of the relevant seeds, seedlings, etc. or seed fungus (that have been used)
 - 6) Names and consumed quantity of the relevant substances or materials used (such as agricultural chemicals etc.)
 - 7) Names and pertinent management practices of machinery & equipment used
 - 8) Management practices with regard to harvesting, receiving, transportation, sorting, preparation, washing, storing, packaging and other post-harvest processes
- b) Confirmation that the management records for the relevant production process is related to the relevant Production Lots.

- c) Confirmation through the production processes management records, as to whether or not the production practices for the relevant Production Lots comply with Clause 5 of JAS 1605.

4.2 Inspection of Production Processes for Organic Processed Foods and Organic Feeds (Limited to those that have undergone the processes other than preparation or sorting process) and Organic Processed Foods

The inspection of production processes for organic feeds (limited to those that have undergone the processes other than preparation or sorting process) and Organic Processed shall be conducted by Certified Production Process Managers, etc., for each Production Lot in accordance with the following checklist specified in a) ~ d).

- a) Confirmation that production process management records for the relevant Production Lots for the following items have been created and properly stored
 - 1) Production facility layout
 - 2) Types, production date, production details, ingredients, and usage rate for ingredients, of the feeds or processed foods produced
 - 3) Names and quantities of food additives, feed additives, chemicals, etc. used
 - 4) Names and pertinent management practices of machinery & equipment used
 - 5) Management practices with regard to manufacturing, processing, packaging, storage and other processes
- b) Confirmation that the production process management records for the Production Lot of the relevant “Plant/Forest Products for Organic Feed” (as specified in 4.1 a)) have been created and properly stored, in the cases where such Plant/Forest Products for Organic Feed are produced for the producers’ own use.
- c) Confirmation that the management records for the relevant production process is related to the relevant Production Lots.
- d) Confirmation through the relevant production processes management records, as to whether or not the production practices for the relevant Production Lots comply with Clause 5 of JAS 1607, or Clause 5 of JAS 1606.

4.3 Inspection of Production Processes for Organic Livestock Products

The inspection of production processes for organic livestock products shall be conducted by Certified Production Process Managers, etc., for each Production Lot in accordance with the following checklist specified in a) ~ c).

- a) Confirmation that production process management records for the relevant Production Lots for the following items have been created and properly stored.
 - 1) Location and area of breeding farms

- 2) Names and consumed quantity of the relevant substances or materials used (such as agricultural chemicals etc.)
 - 3) Names and pertinent management practices of machinery & equipment used
 - 4) Origin of livestock and poultry
 - 5) Breeding and raising history on individual or flock/herd basis (commencement date of breeding and raising, content and amount of feed given, situation of access to open-air free runs, details and methods of surgical treatment as well as the types of veterinary drugs used and its usage date)
 - 6) Management practices for excrement
 - 7) Transportation practices for livestock or poultry
 - 8) Milking or egg collection practices
 - 9) Management practices for slaughter, dressing, receiving, sorting, preparation, washing, storing, packaging and other processes
- b)** Confirmation that the management records for the relevant production process is related to the relevant Production Lots.
- c)** Confirmation through the relevant production processes management records, as to whether or not the production practices for the relevant Production Lots comply with Clause 5 of JAS 1608.