



Part 1 Japan: Organic products

Overseas Market Access Requirements

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1.1 Application

Japan recognises New Zealand's Official Organic Assurance Programme (OOAP) as equivalent to their organic regulations for the following product categories:

- plant products,
- processed foods of plant origin.

1.2 Standards to be met

Products must be produced in accordance with the requirements of version 7.1 of the Technical Rules for Organic Production.

[MAF Standard OP3, Appendix Two: MAF Technical Rules for Organic Production](#)

Operators under the OOAP must meet the requirements of the current version of Organic Products Standard OP3. The current version is the one listed on the [MPI](#) website: [Organics - Documents](#)

[Registration and Performance Measurement Criteria for Operators - Organic Products \(Standard OP3\)](#)

Third Party Agencies recognised by [MPI](#) under the OOAP must meet the requirements of Organic Products Standards OP1 and OP2. The current versions of these standards are those listed on the [MPI](#) website: [Organics - Documents](#)

[Accreditation, Recognition, and Performance Measurement Criteria for Third Party Agencies and Their Personnel - Organic Products \(Standard OP1\)](#)

[Third Party Agency Responsibilities - Organic Products \(Standard OP2\)](#)



1.3 Additional requirements

1.3.1 Application of the JAS logo

For products exported under the OOAP the JAS logo must be applied in Japan by authorized importers, unless the authorized Japanese importer has specifically delegated this task to the New Zealand exporter via a 'consigning contract'. Contact the Japanese importer to investigate if this is an option.

1.3.2 Restricted Inputs

- Ethylene: only for ripening of kiwifruit and bananas

1.3.3 Prohibited Inputs

The following inputs must not be used on product exported to Japan under the OOAP:

- Copper Octanoate
- Hydroxypropyl Methyl Cellulose
- Helium

1.4 Official assurances

An export certificate (official assurance) from MPI is required for each consignment of organic products exported to Japan under the OOAP.

Apply for an export certificate using the form in the link below.

[Organics - Export certificate application form](#)

1.5 Links to other relevant OMARs

Plant Products – [MPI Importing Countries Phytosanitary Requirements Search System](#)