



# Part 1 Switzerland: Organic Products

## Overseas Market Access Requirements

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### 1.1 Application

1.1.1. This organic OMAR applies to operators participating in the Official Organic Assurance Programme (OOAP) exporting, or supplying products for export, to Switzerland with an Official Organic Assurance (Export Certificate). It also applies to MPI recognised Third Party Agencies (TPAs) operating under this programme. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in Official Assurances being withheld.

1.1.2. Switzerland recognises New Zealand's OOAP as equivalent to their organic regulations.

1.1.3. New Zealand is included in the list of countries with rules recognised as equivalent to the organic production rules of Switzerland for the following product categories:

A. Unprocessed plant products

B. Live animals or unprocessed animal products. With the exception of livestock and livestock products, bearing or intended to bear indications referring to conversion.

C. Processed agricultural products for use as food. With the exceptions of yeast, and livestock products, bearing or intended to bear indications referring to conversion.

E. Vegetative propagating material and seeds for cultivation.

1.1.4. Products of category A, B and E and organically grown ingredients in products of category C must have been produced in New Zealand or have been imported into New Zealand from:

A. Switzerland; or

B. A third country recognised by Switzerland under Annex 4 of EAER Ordinance on Organic Farming (910.181); or

C. A third country recognised by MPI as having production and inspection regulations equivalent to the MPI OOAP. Products in category C processed in New Zealand may include imported organically produced ingredients up to a maximum percentage of 5% of the products of agricultural origin.



## 1.2 Standards to be met

1.2.1 Organic products exported to Switzerland under the OOAP must be produced in accordance with the requirements of the current version of the Technical Rules. The current version is the one listed on the MPI website: [Organics Requirements](#)

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

[MPI Standard OP3, Appendix Two: Chapter 8A Organic Wine](#)

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

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

1.2.3 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 Requirements](#)

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

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

## 1.3 Additional requirements

### 1.3.1 TPA code numbers

The code number of the MPI recognised Third Party Agency the operator is certified by must appear on the label of all organic products exported under the OOAP. The code numbers are:

Code Number	Name
NZ-BIO-002	AsureQuality Limited
NZ-BIO-003	BioGro New Zealand

### 1.3.2 Organic wine

#### 1.3.2.1 Wine made from organic grapes

Wine labelled as "Wine made from organic grapes" may not be exported to Switzerland.



### 1.3.2.2 Prohibited practices

The following oenological practises, processes and treatments are prohibited in the production of organic wine exported to Switzerland:

- Enrichment of wine by partial concentration through cooling
- Elimination of sulphur dioxide by physical processes
- Electrodialysis treatment to ensure the tartaric stabilisation of the wine
- Partial dealcoholisation of wine
- Treatment with cation exchangers to ensure the tartaric stabilisation of the wine

### 1.3.2.3 Restricted Practices

The following oenological practises, processes and treatments are subject to the following restrictions:

- The temperature for heat treatments must not exceed 70°C
- The pore size for centrifuging and filtration with or without an inert filtering agent must not be smaller than 0.2 micrometer.

### 1.3.2.4 Prohibited Inputs

The following processing aids are prohibited for organic wine exported to Switzerland.

- Lysozyme

## 1.4 Official Assurances

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

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

[OOAP export certificate request/consignment declaration](#)

## 1.5 Links to other relevant OMAR

Animal Products - [Overseas Market Access Requirements \(OMAR\), Countries and Amendments](#)

Dairy Products - [Overseas Market Access Requirements \(OMAR\), Countries and Amendments](#)



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

Wine - [Overseas Market Access Requirements \(OMAR\)](#)