



Directive 10-06

Approved for use in Organic Agriculture

***Intended for:
CFIA designated CVBs, CFIA accredited CBs and all operations under
Canada Organic Regime***

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1.0 Purpose and scope:

This directive outlines the requirements for certification of organic products when inputs bear the claim “permitted for use” or “approved for use in organic agriculture” and clarifies authorities provided to Certification Bodies (CB) under the Organic Products Regulations (OPR).

2.0 Authority

Reference documents:

The Organic Products Regulations (OPR)

CAN /CGSB: 32-311 Permitted Substances List (PSL)

3.0 Background

Pursuant to Section 3 of the OPR, CFIA accredited CBs are responsible for the certification of agricultural products and organic product packaging and labelling certification. The OPR do not provide the authority for CBs to certify, approve or permit non-agricultural products or services.

Claims that a product is "permitted or approved" for use in organic agriculture implies that the product complies with the PSL, however, many substances in the PSL have restrictions on their use which would not be accurately reflected in such an "approval or certification." These claims may be considered misleading as they may imply that the product was approved or permitted in accordance with Canadian Organic Standards or that there is government oversight when this is not the case. It is the responsibility of the operator and the CB to ensure that inputs in organic products comply with the Organic Products Regulations.

4.0 Roles and Responsibilities

CFIA - accredited CBs will be responsible for the application of this directive. They are responsible for ensuring that inputs in the production of organic products comply with the OPR.

CFIA designated CVBs will be responsible for monitoring the certification activities of the CFIA accredited Certification bodies.

5.0 Activities

Certification Bodies

As per OPR Section 13 (1) CBs must verify that all inputs used in the production and processing of the agricultural product are those set out in, and used in the manner described in CAN/CGSB.311. This includes the verification of inputs or products bearing claims such as: "approved" or "permitted for use in organic agriculture."

Conformity Verification Body (CVB)

CVB shall review the verification procedures and records during each onsite audit of the certification body.

6.0 Inquiries

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