

Center for Smart Agriculture

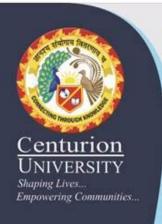
Organic Certification and Inspection

Systems



Module 4: Inspection and Certification Process

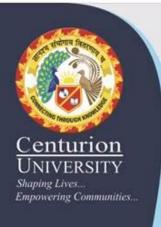
Session 9: Mandatory checks, Records / documentation, Inspection report



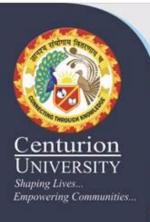
Mandatory checks to be undertaken by the Authorized Inspection and Certification Agency during Inspection

For conversion to organic cultivation

- ❖ The conversion plan and the measures referred by the Licensed Operator are to be checked by the inspector before approval by the Authorized Inspection and Certification Agency.
- The inspector should check that the above conditions are met in the case of production of seeds, vegetative propagating material and transplants.

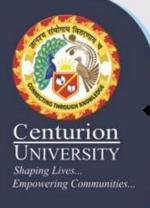


- ❖Whether production area is a part of the conversion plan
- ❖To check that whether the last part of the area in the farm would be converted to organic production in the shortest possible
- Appropriate measures are taken by the Licensed Operator for the separation of the products obtained from organic and non-organic units.

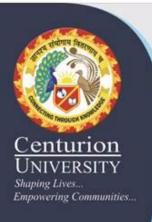


Plants and plant products at production site

- Licensed Operator shall inform in advance the Authorized Inspection and Certification Agency regarding harvest of every crop in the farm.
- After completion of the harvesting process, the Licensed Operator shall inform the Inspection and Certification Agency about the total quantity harvested on the units concerned.

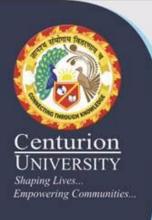


- The inspector should also inspect the storage area of non-organic input products
- Whether the farms and storage units are separated from non-organic farms and nonorganic storage units.
- ❖ On suspicion of use of unauthorized products, samples for testing of products (products as well as inputs used) must be taken



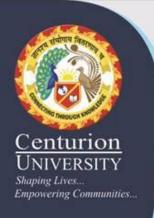
For collection of wild products

- ❖Inspection and Certification Agency must take all the precautionary measures to ensure compliance with the provisions under Organic Agricultural Produce Grading and Marking Rules.
- ❖The inspector should countercheck to ensure that the guarantees given by the producer meet the provisions.
- ❖ Measures taken by the Licensed Operator for compliance with these Rules must be checked and noted.



Records / documentation

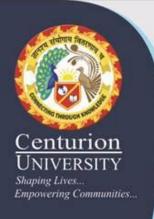
- The records /files maintained by the Licensed Operator should be checked by the inspector to trace the origin, nature and quantities of all raw materials purchased.
- To verify the application of all the inputs used are documented.
- ❖Written or documentary receipts / accounts must be checked for the quantities and consignees of all agricultural products sold by the Licensed Operator.



Inspection of input storage units

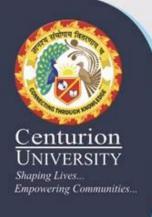
Transportation

Transportation units should be checked for confirming that the organic products are transported to other units, including wholesalers and retailers, in appropriate closed containers or packaging with a proper label.

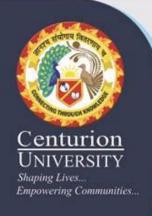


Inspection for production of agricultural products and processed food stuffs composed of plant origin

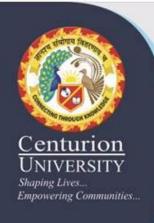
- □Undertaking from the Licensed Operator to perform the operations in such a way as to comply with Organic Agricultural Produce Grading and Marking Rules.
- □Check the facilities available for the processing, packaging and storage of agriculture products before and after the operations.



- □ Check whether the unit has separate areas within the premises for the storage of products, before and after the operations.
- Whether the operations must be carried out continuously until the complete run is over for organic products and are separated from similar operations performed for non-organic products

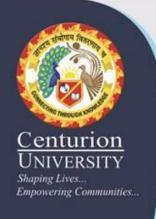


- ☐ To ensure that if such operations are not carried out frequently, the Authorized Inspection and Certification Agency shall be informed in advance, for a particular day &time.
- □ Samples for testing of products should be taken. However, they must be taken where the use of unauthorized products is suspected.



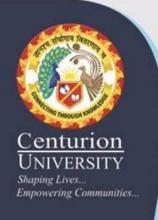
Inspection report

- ☐ The report shall give a full description of the farms / units, collection areas highlighting the storage, processing, production and packaging operations
- ☐ The report shall also mention the date and time of last application of inputs on the farm / unit or collection.
- ☐ The report shall highlight conditions / sanctions any to be imposed for certification.
- □ In the event of suspicion of any infringement by the Licensed Operator, the inspector shall clearly mention in his report.

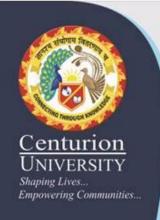


Grant of Certification

- ☐ The Applicant shall be entitled to use the certification or grade designation mark as provided under these Rules
- ☐ In the event of a withdrawal of the right to use the aforesaid Mark the License shall be returned to the Authorized Inspection and Certification Agency.
- ☐ The Applicant is entitled to the aforesaid Mark but shall be answerable for the safety of their products themselves.
- ☐ A License shall be granted on prescribed form for a period of one year



- The Authorized Inspection and Certification Agency may, during the period of the validity of the License, alter by giving one month's notice to a Licensed Operator any terms and conditions subject to which the License has been granted.
- ☐ A License shall expire at the end of the period for which it is granted
- ☐ Certification/ Grade Designation Mark shall be entered in a register which will be inspected and evaluated by NAB





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