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Module-3

National Standards for Organic Production



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LABELLING, STORAGE AND TRANSPORT



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Mixed products where not all ingredients, including additives, are of organic origin may be labelled in the following way (raw material weight):

- Where a minimum of 95% of the ingredients are of certified organic origin, products may be labelled "certified organic" or similar and should carry the logo of the certification programme.
- Where less than 95% but not less than 70% of the ingredients are of certified organic origin, products may not be called "organic". The word "organic" may be used on the principal display in statements like "made with organic ingredients" provided there is a clear statement of the proportion of the organic ingredients. An indication that the product is covered by the certification programme may be used, close to the indication of proportion of organic ingredients.



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- Where less than 70% of the ingredients are of certified organic origin, the indication that an ingredient is organic may appear in the ingredients list. Such product may not be called "organic".
- Added water and salt shall not be included in the percentage calculations of organic ingredients.



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STORAGE & TRANSPORT

- Where only part of the unit is certified and other products are non-organic, the organic products should be stored and handled separately to maintain their identity.
- Bulk stores for organic product should be separate from conventional product stores and clearly labeled to that effect.
- Storage areas and transport containers for organic product should be cleaned using methods and materials permitted in organic production. Measures should be taken to prevent possible contamination from any pesticide or other treatment not listed.