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Center for Smart Agriculture

Organic Certification and Inspection Systems



Module 2: Organic Certification
Session 2: Certification & Product Labeling



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Certification & Product Labeling

Labelling shall convey clear and accurate information on the organic status of the product.

Recommendations

- ✓ When the full standards requirements are fulfilled, products shall be sold as "produce of organic agriculture"
- ✓ The name and address of the person or company legally responsible for the production or processing of the product shall be mentioned on the label.



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- ✓ Product labels should list processing procedures which influence the product properties in a way not immediately obvious.
- ✓ Additional product information shall be made available on request. All components of additives and processing aids shall be declared.
- ✓ Ingredients or products derived from wild production shall be declared as such.



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Product Labeling, Source: Google Image





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Standards

- ✓ The person or company legally responsible for the production or processing of the product shall be identifiable.
- ✓ Single ingredient products may be labelled as "produce of organic agriculture"
- ✓ Mixed products where not all ingredients, including additives, are of organic origin may be labelled.



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- ✓ Added water and salt shall not be included in the percentage calculations of organic ingredients.
- ✓ The label for in-conversion products shall be clearly distinguishable from the label for organic products.
- ✓ All raw materials of a multi-ingredient product shall be listed on the product label in order of their weight percentage



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- ✓ If herbs and/or spices constitute less than 2% of the total weight of the product, they may be listed as "spices " or "herbs " without stating the percentage.
- ✓ Organic products shall not be labelled as GE (genetic engineering) or GM (genetic modification) free in order to avoid potentially misleading claims about the end product.



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- ✓ The label of a certified organic product must depict the name and logo of the accredited Certification Body, accreditation number and India Organic Logo
- ✓ The accredited Certification Body shall verify the labelling requirement and approve the labels of their certified operators before the labels are used



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