

**Your One Stop for Organic Certification
in the World Market of Organic Food**

**How to get yourself Organic Certified
as per International Standards
(NPOP, NOP & EEC 834/2007)**

Guidelines for Organic Certification of Wild Harvest Operation

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Disclaimer: These Guidelines are made for developing basic understanding only, Cannot be used or referred as standard reference. For the standard reference please refer to applicable standards.

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OneCert is a nationally and internationally operating Organic Certification agency accredited by APEDA under **National Program for Organic Production (NPOP-India)**. **OneCert Asia** is a branch of **OneCert Inc; US**. OneCert was formed to provide understandable, affordable and efficient certification by certifying simultaneously to the **India-NPOP, US-NOP, European Union-EU 834/2007** and Japan's (**JAS**) **Standards** in one certification. This ensures adherence to the highest possible standards as well as providing the clients with certification for all the major world market of Organic produce. The name OneCert and the logo are recognized internationally as a symbol of high integrity and quality. OneCert Certification team has experience and expertise in food handling, processing, transportation and distribution. OneCert ensures all the support to its customer, within the permitted limits.

What is Organic Certification?

Organic Certification is a procedure for verifying that products conform to certain set/defined standards. In case of Organic Wild harvest Products, it is primarily the acknowledgement that the Wild harvests have been produced according to the applicable Wild harvest Production standards.

Why Organic Certification?

1. Organic certification helps in building trust between consumers and organic farmers.
2. The certification mark 'Organic' is the only means to differentiate between certified organic and conventional foods.
3. Labels and certification marks help a consumer to recognise trustworthy organic products easily.
4. Organic certification and the logo are important marketing tools
5. Organic certification helps in getting comparatively a better price.

WILD HARVEST CERTIFICATION

What are the provisions of organic certification for Wild Harvest?

1. Any plant or portion of a plant that is collected or harvested from a site which is not maintained under cultivation or other agriculture management.



2. The act of collection of Wild Harvest should positively contribute to the maintenance of natural areas.
3. A Wild Crop that is intended to be sold, labeled or represented as 'Organic' must be harvested from a designated area that had no application of prohibited substances.
4. A Wild Crop must be harvested in a manner that ensures that such harvesting or gathering will not be destructive to the environment and will sustain the growth and production of Wild Crop.

The Certification Process

The Certification process of OneCert is divided into 5 steps

STEP-1:- Registration and Application:-

For obtaining Organic Certification the first step is to be registered with OneCert Asia who in turn will provide you with an application packet. The packet contains **Application form, agreement, Organic Wild Harvest plan, Field history sheet, Farm Product & Inventory list**. The **Organic Wild Harvest plan** gives information about Record keeping, Production detail, prevention of contamination and commingling after harvesting or gathering the required products. While submitting the Organic Wild Harvest plan one must attach the Facility Map and Product label presently in use or to be used in future.

STEP-2:- Application Review:-

Once your complete application is received, we will review the same on the basis of applicable standards. If any incomplete information/non compliance are found or any additional information is needed, we will contact you. Once required information is gathered or non compliance is over, an onsite audit is planned on a mutually agreed date and time.

This reviewing of application usually takes about a couple of days based on the information provided by applicant.

STEP-3:- Inspection:-

On the prescribed date a trained Organic Inspector, familiar with your type of operation will reach your facility. The inspector will



thoroughly examine each document of your operation and facility for the verification of your plan in an accurate description of Organic standard compliance. During an exit interview he will summarize his findings and asks for any additional information, if required. Inspection normally takes half a day to 3 days depending upon the complexity of operations.



STEP-4:- Secondary Review:-

After submission of the inspector's report, it is reviewed to evaluate compliance with the applicable standards. During the Secondary Review if more information is required we will contact you. After the receipt of report from the inspector, the Secondary Review generally takes 2-4 days.



STEP-5:- Certification Decision

After completion of the Secondary Review, the file is sent for the final decision where it takes 1-2 weeks. After receiving the final decision you will receive your Organic Certificate along with a covering letter citing the conditions for awarding the certificate. The Organic Certificate contains name of your company, address, category of certification and list of certified organic product. The entire Certification Process may take about 4-12 weeks depending upon documents and co-operation provided.



Basic Requirements for Organic Certification of Wild Harvest

1. Wild Harvest products shall only be certified 'Organic' if derived from a stable and sustainable growing environment.
2. Harvesting or gathering the product shall not exceed the sustainable yield of the ecosystem or threaten the existence of plant or animal species.
3. Products can be certified 'Organic' only if derived from a clearly defined collecting area which is not exposed to prohibited substances and subjected to inspection.
4. The collection area shall be at an appropriate distance from conventional farming areas, pollution and contamination sources.





5. The operator managing the harvesting or gathering of the products shall be clearly identified and be quite familiar with the collecting area in question.
6. While harvesting or gathering the products, attention should be paid towards maintenance and sustainability of the ecosystem.
7. The operator must instruct the collectors, that:-
 - Defines the area of collection.
 - Informs them about the standards and other requirements for certification.
8. The collectors must sign the written statements that they have followed the instructions.
9. The operator must maintain the entire records of the collectors, also the quantities bought from them.
10. The area of production must properly be marked on maps, which should be large and distinct enough to minimize the risk of mixing up with non-certified production.
11. Records:-The applicant must keep the records of all his activities and the records. Must reveal all the activities and transactions in details so as to be readily understood and audited. Records must provide product storage, dispatch, transportation, sales, label profile, lot coding system retail packaging, cleaning inventory report etc.

Above mentioned details is the required information in brief for the Organic Certification of Wild Harvest Production. For more details please visit our website www.onecertaisa.in.

Cost of Organic Certification by OneCert:-

OneCert is formed to provide understandable, affordable and efficient certification simultaneously for the India-NPOP, US-NOP, and European Union-EU 834/2007 standards in One Certification fees i.e. One Certification fee for ALL. The fees may vary depending upon the time required for different activities such as processing of application, review/s, inspection/s, report writing, decision making etc. Fees of an Organic Crop & Wild Harvest operation depend upon:

1. Total land holding applied for Organic Certification.



2. No. of products applied for Organic Certification.
3. No. of Operation sites or Offices.
4. Size of operation.
5. Complexity of operation.
6. Records maintained and information provided.
7. Support provided by applicant.
8. No. of mandays are required

The Fees for the different categories of Operators may be within in the range of Rs.10, 000/- to Rs.1,00,000/-. For more details please write to OneCert Asia Office with brief description of your operations.

Time taken by OneCert Asia for Organic Certification

The complete certification process may take 4 to 12 weeks depending upon the providence of information and support by the applicant.

Benefits of Organic Certification by OneCert Asia

1. OneCert Organic Certification services are understandable, affordable and efficient.
2. We provide NPOP-India, NOP-USDA and EU 834/2007 Certification all in one single fee.
3. A team of young, energetic and experienced inspectors, having excellent knowledge of different types of operations is deputed.
4. OneCert Logo is recognized internationally as a symbol of very high integrity and quality.
5. Customer services and other supports to the clients are *par excellence*.
6. Requirements of the entire major international standards have been summarized in the OneCert International standards.
7. Fully understanding the values and importance of Transaction Certificates, these certificates are released within 24 hrs.of receiving the required documents.
8. Neither hidden costs nor confusing statements.

Complaint & Appeal

Under the provisions of OneCert Certification Procedure (OCA-111) any decision taken in respect of granting withholding, renewal, suspension or cancellation of certification under the NPOP, NOP & EU 834/2007 can be appealed against. An operator may also lodge the complaint.

For the Procedure and Guidelines for making an appeal and complaints, contact

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