



Chinese Organic Certification

ACO – COFCC Chinese Organic Market Access Agreement

ACO Company Profile



- ❖ Formed in 1987, widely acknowledged in Australia and the Asia Pacific region
- ❖ An independent certification service provider for access to global organic markets
- ❖ The only organic certification company within Australia to offer access to China
- ❖ Extensive overseas operations in 15 countries
- ❖ ACO is one of the largest certifiers of agricultural land (some 5.5m ha) in the world
- ❖ This international network ensures worldwide recognition for the ACO label

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COFCC Company Profile

- ❖ Affiliated to the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) of China for promoting organic movement in China
- ❖ A professional organization in organic inspection & certification
- ❖ The earliest established organic food certification bodies in China
- ❖ Member of the International Federation of Organic Agricultural Movements (IFOAM)
- ❖ Certifies all the categories of products with popularity in Chinese markets
- ❖ Currently certifies over 100 operators in Australia through partnering with ACO
- ❖ Employs ACO staff to conduct organic inspections

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***If its access to the Chinese Organic Markets
you require, the ACO – COFCC Chinese
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will deliver on your expectations.***



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Initial Application

- The Initial Application process will occur in exactly the same way as would an application for ACO/IFOAM/EU, NOP, Korea or JAS.
- The applicant makes a simple phone call to the ACO office (07 3350 5706) and requests an application form for Chinese Certification.
- You will be sent the appropriate form along with a pro forma of the Questionnaire(Organic Management Plan).
- A quote can be requested through completing a short form.

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Initial Inspection

- Upon the initial assessment of the application by ACO and COFCC staff, you will be allocated an Australian based, COFCC Trained, ACO contracted inspector.
- ACO inspector(s) are trained by experts authorised by the CNCA to inspect to Chinese Regulations and will undertake your initial inspection.
- ACO is the only company in the World outside of China, has the capacity to undertake these inspections.

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COFCC Review of Inspection Report & Certification Approval

- Upon receipt of your initial inspection report, ACO's Certification Officers will preview its suitability to Chinese Regulations.
- The report will then be sent to COFC for the formal review.
- If COFCC are content with the reports compliance with Chinese regulations, they will approve the application and forward a Certificate of Registration to COFCC.
- The Certificate will be issued in both Chinese and in English.

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Timeframes

- Vary from application to application depending on the complexity of your business
- Generally, once your initial inspection has been completed and ACO has received the inspection report and attachments, we envisage a turnaround of no longer than 30 to 40 days to complete the review of inspection report.

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Annual Reviews & Recertification

- Regardless of when your Initial Application and Inspection to Chinese Regulations was lodged, ACO will attempt to coincide ALL your organic inspections into ONE single annual inspection. This will result in considerable savings in time, logistical support and money to the operator.
- Inspections will be conducted by ACO inspectors trained to inspect to Chinese, JAS, NOP, EU, Korean, ACOS and Australian National Organic Standards.
- The subsequent inspection report will be forward to ACO Certification Officers in Nundah QLD, assessed by those Officers to ensure suitability and again, forwarded to COFCC for formal approval.
- The report will be reviewed by COFCC certification staff and if compliant, will be approved for Re Certification and forwarded to ACO for on forwarding to you.

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Costs and Payment Logistics

- ACO invoices, receipts and manages all payments of fees related to your Chinese certification.
- ACO and COFCC bear any foreign exchange risk in these transactions, not the operator.
- While Chinese certification fees are relatively stable, inspection & logistic fees may vary from operator to operator.
- For a more accurate quote on individual application of fees, please contact the ACO office on 03 3350 5706.

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Summary

- No need for ACO certified farms to go through Chinese in-conversion period.
- Certification to the Chinese Organic Regulations is now as simple as certification to ACOS, NOP, EU, Korea or JAS.
- It begins with a phone call, will be managed throughout the process by CNCA trained, Australian based ACO inspector and staff.
- Chinese inspection can be COMBINED into your ACO inspection OR could be stand alone.
- Leading company + contract supplier= Project= ***Cost efficiency***

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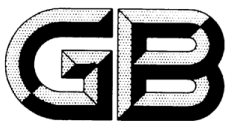
Major difference - ACOS vs GBT

Organic Products

Part 4: Management System

ICS 65.020.01
B 04

GB/T 19630.4-2011



National Standard of the People's Republic of China

*Documents re your operation to be attached to your inspection report
before you are certified!*

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Required Documentation



- ❖ Plant Production & Processing
- ❖ Wild Plant Collection & Processing
- ❖ Livestock & Processing
- ❖ Organic Product Processing
- ❖ & *etc.*

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Questions & Comments???



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Thank you!



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