NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 19 January 2023, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States of America.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Title:** National Organic Program; Strengthening Organic Enforcement

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Reason for Addendum:** | |
| [ ] | Comment period changed - date: |
| [ ] | Notified measure adopted - date: |
| [X] | Notified measure published - date: 19 January 2023 |
| [X] | Notified measure enters into force - date: 20 March 2023 |
| [X] | Text of final measure available from[[1]](#footnote-1):  <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-01-19/html/2023-00702.htm>  <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-01-19/pdf/2023-00702.pdf>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/TBT/USA/final_measure/23_0511_00_e.pdf> |
| [ ] | Notified measure withdrawn or revoked - date:  Relevant symbol if measure re-notified: |
| [ ] | Content or scope of notified measure changed and text available from1:  New deadline for comments (if applicable): |
| [ ] | Interpretive guidance issued and text available from1: |
| [ ] | Other: |

**Description:** TITLE: National Organic Program (NOP); Strengthening Organic Enforcement

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

ACTION: Final rule

SUMMARY: This rulemaking amends the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) organic regulations to strengthen oversight and enforcement of the production, handling, and sale of organic agricultural products. The amendments protect integrity in the organic supply chain and build consumer and industry trust in the USDA organic label by strengthening organic control systems, improving farm to market traceability, and providing robust enforcement of the USDA organic regulations. Topics addressed in this rulemaking include: applicability of the regulations and exemptions from organic certification; [National Organic Program Import Certificates](https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/organic-certification/international-trade/Electronic-Organic-Import-Certificates); recordkeeping and product traceability; certifying agent personnel qualifications and training; standardized certificates of organic operation; unannounced on-site inspections of certified operations; oversight of certification activities; foreign conformity assessment systems; certification of producer group operations; labeling of nonretail containers; annual update requirements for certified operations; compliance and appeals processes; and calculating organic content of multi-ingredient products.

DATES:

Effective date: 20 March 2023

Implementation date: 19 March 2024

This final rule and the proposed rule notified as [G/TBT/N/USA/1637](https://eping.wto.org/en/Search?domainIds=1&documentSymbol=USA%2F1637) are identified by Docket Number AMS-NOP-17-0065. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/AMS-NOP-17-0065/document> and provides access to primary and supporting documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/) by searching the Docket Number.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

1. This information can be provided by including a website address, a pdf attachment, or other information on where the text of the final/modified measure and/or interpretive guidance can be obtained. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)