

Policy Organic food labelling for imported products

1	Aims	This policy establishes minimum requirements for usage of the term organic for certified clients as per NPOP in countries outside India/overseas.
2	Background	<p>This document provides an overview of-</p> <p>Labelling requirements for organic products on product labels/cartons, Promotional materials or as a labelling requirement for transaction certificate while exporting to India.</p> <p>The usage of “India Organic” logo and subsequent regulations on import of organic products into India from overseas.</p>
3	Normative framework	<p>1. As per NPOP & 7th Edition Nov. 2014 A) Chapter 3, Appendix 5, Para.6. Labelling</p> <p>1. When full NPOP standards are fulfilled, the products shall be sold as “produce of Organic agriculture” or a similar description.</p> <p>2. The name and address of the operator or Company legally responsible for the production or processing of the products shall be mentioned on the label.</p> <p>3. All components of additives and processing aids shall be declared.</p> <p>4. Single ingredient products may be labelled as "Organic" when all standard requirements have been met.</p> <p>B) Procedure for grant of licence to use the certification mark under the Organic Products Certification Mark Regulations 2012</p> <p>Form 1 (from NPOP Standard Section 6: Page 200) shall be filled by certified client and sent to Aditi for grant of NPOP license/permission for use of the India Organic Logo. Client, following the reception of form 2 shall send a consent to follow the India Organic logo use guideline in form 3.</p> <p>2. Import Regulations of India: Gazette Notification on Food Safety and Standards (Import) Regulation, 2017</p> <p>2.1 Chapter – II Licensing of Food Importers</p> <p>(1) No person shall import any article of food without an import license from the Central Licensing Authority in accordance with the provisions of the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Regulations, 2011.</p> <p>(2) No article of food shall be cleared from the custom unless it has a valid shelf life of not less than sixty per cent at the time of import</p> <p>(3) For the purposes of sub – regulations (1) and (2), the Food Importer shall register himself with the Directorate General of Foreign Trade and possess valid Import-Export Code.</p> <p>2.2 Chapter – III Clearance of Imported Food by the Food Authority</p> <p>4) In case of imported packaged food consignments, the following special dispensation on labeling shall be allowed for the rectifiable labeling deficiencies at the custom bound warehouse by affixing a single non detachable sticker or by</p>

		<p>any other non-detachable method next to the principle display panel namely:—</p> <p>(a) name and address of the importer;</p> <p>(b) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India’s Logo and license number,</p> <p>(c) Non-Veg or Veg Logo</p> <p>(d) Category or subcategory along with generic name, nature and composition for proprietary food</p> <p>6. Compliance with standards for packaging and labelling .- (1)No Food Importer shall import articles of food that is not transported, or stored in optimal storage conditions of temperature and hygiene, packaged and labeled as per the regulations applicable to that particular article of food.</p> <p>3. As per the Food Safety and Standards (Organic Foods) Regulations, 2017 of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)</p> <p>Section 5. Labelling. - (1) Labelling on the package of organic food shall convey full and accurate information on the organic status of the product. Such product may carry a certification or quality assurance mark as per NPOP system in addition to the Food Safety and Standard Authority of India’s organic logo (The Jaivik Bharath).</p> <p>(2) All organic foods shall comply with the packaging and labelling requirements specified under the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labelling) Regulations, 2011 in addition to the labelling requirements under one of the applicable systems like NPOP.</p> <p>8. The seller of organic food either exclusively or as part of his retail merchandise shall display Display— such food in a manner distinguishable from the display of non-organic food.</p> <p>4. As per the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MOCI):</p> <p>Imports of all such edible/food products, domestic sale and manufacture of which are governed by the FSSAI shall also be subject to the condition that, at the time of importation, these products have a valid shelf life of not less than 60 percent of its original shelf life. Shelf life of the product is to be calculated, based on the declaration given on the label of the product, regarding the date of manufacture and the due date of expiry.</p>
4	Terms	Labelling: shall convey clear and accurate information on the organic status of the product and compile with regulations pertaining to standards and importing country specific labelling requirements.
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		<p>As a minimum, ADITI will implement the above-mentioned requirement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The label must allow to identify the entity responsible for the product (producer or trader) • Contain Certifier code number (NPOP/NAB/0017) • Refer to "organic: " It is highly recommended to identify the product as "organic" e.g. organic cashew kernels. The operator has to submit the drafted label (on product or off product/publications) for ADITI’s review/approval before printing. • Product specification form (4.5.12) has to be submitted for each multi ingredient product. Any change in the percentage or ingredient usage has to be communicated to ADITI.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multi ingredient products where not all ingredients, including additives, are of organic origin must be labelled as "certified organic" ($\geq 95\%$) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -labelled "Organic" (95% to $\geq 70\%$), -labelled only in the ingredient list ($< 70\%$) A "DO NOT FUMIGATE" declaration should be made on labels. This declaration in label clearly indicates that fumigation of Methyl Bromide or Aluminium Phosphide should not be done for consignment. The Basic Statutory requirements (labelling and import regulations) as per FSSAI shall be followed for all products that are imported to India from any overseas location.
6	Access to this policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This policy is available to all interested public It must be handed out to all ADITI certification and inspection personnel It must be handed out to all post-harvest handlers interested in certification.
7	Related documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> INF-3.2.24 Brief information on organic labelling F-4.5.12 Product Specification form Form 1, 2 & 3 as in NPOP standards-Section 6 Page 100 Food Safety and Standards (Labelling and Packaging) Regulations, 2011 {https://www.fssai.gov.in/upload/uploadfiles/files/Packaging_Labelling_Regulations.pdf} Food safety and standards (Import) regulation, 2017 {https://www.fssai.gov.in/upload/uploadfiles/files/Food_Import_Regulations.pdf}

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06-11-2020	01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under 3. Normative Framework section details pertaining to FSSAI Related document section has been added to include references to FSSAI import regulations and labelling requirements. Updated ADITI logo with ® mark