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## **CIRCULAR**

Subject: Important Updates - Canada Organic Regime (COR) Operating Manual Version 19

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Dear Valued Clients,

There have been important updates to the Canada Organic Regime (COR) Operating Manual (OM) Version 19. We write to provide you an overview of the updates to the COR OM Version 19.

The COR OM Version 19 was first published in June 2023. This was followed by a revision in September 2023 and further revision in January 2024. The version revised in January 2024 came into effect as of March 01, 2024. The revision history of the COR Operating Manual Version 19 is summarised below.

## Revision history of COR Operating Manual Version 19

Version No.	Date	Reason for the revision	Scope of the revision
V19	June 2023	Significant changes to sections on grower group, certification C.2.4.4, and certificate template. All references to "days" are now "working days" except for B.5.1, B.7.9 and B.7.10. Minor editorial revisions throughout parts A, B and C and appendices.	Parts A, B, C, and appendices
V19 (revised)	September 2023	Wording update to C.2.4.4 and Appendix A	C.2.4.4 and Appendix A
V19 (revised)	January 2024	Update to text B.3.18.2.3.3, section C.2.2 Application evaluation, C.2.4.4, C.2.5 Procedure for continuation of certification, C.12.4.2	B.3.18.2.3.3, C.2.2 Application evaluation, C.2.4.4, C.2.5 Procedure for continuation of certification, C.12.4.2

We clarify the timeline for responses to the Non-Conformity (NC) Report from the Certification Body (CB)

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- The NC report to be submitted within 30 working days of receipt of NC from the CB either with evidence of completion of corrective actions or with a detailed implementation plan with predetermined milestones. The time for implementation of corrective actions shall not exceed 90 working days from receipt of the NCs.
- Greater timelines may be granted by the CB for closing of NCs if the operator provides sufficient justification and documentation when requesting for an extension

Operators are advised to refer only to the COR OM directly from the CFIA webpage instead of previous Word or PDF copies. The COR Operating manual can be accessed at this address:

https://inspection.canada.ca/en/food-labels/organic-products/operating-manual

We look forward to your cooperation as we integrate these updates in our certification process.

Kind regards,

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