

Bengaluru

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Subject: Updates on Canada Organic Regime (COR) Operating Manual (Version 20) – Clauses C.2.2.21 to C.2.2.27, C.2.4.4, C.13

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Dear Valued Clients,

This circular serves to remind all certified operators of key responsibilities and documentation requirements under the **Canada Organic Regime (COR)**. These requirements must be strictly followed during certification and inspection processes.

Revision history of COR Operating Manual - Version 20

Version	Date	Reason for the revision	Scope of the revision
V20	June	Update to text under the following sections:	Definitions, Parts B
	2025	definitions, Part B: B.2 (B.2.1, B.2.2), B.3 (B.3.2,	and C and tables 4 and
		B.3.7, B.3.18), B.15.1, B.15.2, Part C: C.2.2	5.
		(C.2.2.17-C.2.2.27), C.2.4.4, C.5 (C.5.1, C.5.12),	
		C.7 (C.7.5, C.7.11), New section C.13, updates to	
		table 4, table 5 is deleted, former table 4 is now	
		table 5.	

During on-site inspections, operators must ensure all required records and systems are in place for VO verification as per COR Operating Manual – Version 20.

1. Yield Estimation & Balance Audit – Crop Production (Ref: C.2.2.21.1)

Operators engaged in **crop production** shall provide:

- Estimated yield for the upcoming year.
- Detailed audit of production, sales, and inventory balance for the previous growing period.
- Supporting documents such as Production/harvest records, Processing loss records, Sales logs & Inventory records

These must be made available for review by the Verification Organisation (VO) or Aditi.

2. Product Flow Records – Livestock Operations (Ref: C.2.2.21.2)

Operators in **animal production** shall present:

- Records of livestock inflow, processing yield, products sold, mortalities
- Original and new animal identification records
- Relevant organic livestock certificates

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3. Traceability Audit – Product and Ingredient Level (Ref: C.2.2.24)

Operators must demonstrate:

- A traceability starting from the invoice or shipping record to the lot code or source of the ingredient used.
- Valid certification of organic inputs from suppliers.
- Traceability down to field/plot or supplier level.
- If organic product is unavailable, traceability will be checked using conventional product systems.

4. Organic Product Certification (Ref: C.2.4.4)

Please note, certificates shall only be issued after the CB/Aditi verifies compliance with all applicable Canadian Organic Standards and requirements.

5. Export Documentation – Equivalency Arrangements (Ref: C.13.1 to C.13.3)

For operators exporting organic products under equivalency arrangements (e.g., NOP) The CB/Aditi issues export documents (NOP Import Certificate) only after verifying that total certified output does not exceed verified organic production (sales + losses).

- Operators must maintain accurate records (production logs, sales, inventory, transport records, etc.) to justify export quantities.
- Required documents (e.g., NOP Import Certificate) must be retained and submitted upon request by CFIA or CVB.

Reference Access

Operators must refer only to the latest version of the COR Operating Manual as published on the official CFIA website:

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

Please note that the timeline for implementing the COR Operating Manual revisions is December 31, 2025.

We urge all operators to update their systems accordingly and ensure full compliance. These requirements are essential for maintaining the credibility of your organic certification and continued access to international markets.

Kind regards,

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