



Canada:

The United States (U.S.) has an equivalency arrangement with Canada. This means that as long as the terms of the arrangement are met, organic operations certified to the USDA organic or Canada Organic Regime standards may be labeled and sold as organic in both countries. The equivalency arrangement includes all USDA organic products, whether they are produced and certified in the U.S. or around the world.

For retail products, labels or stickers must state the name of the U.S. or Canadian certifying agent and may use the USDA Organic seal or the Canada Organic Biologique logo. All product labels must be in English and French. Wholesale products only require lot numbers.

In order to be sold, labeled, or represented as organic in Canada, USDA organic products must meet the following additional requirements:

- Agricultural products produced with the use of sodium nitrate shall not be sold or marketed as organic in Canada.
- Agricultural products produced by hydroponic or aeroponic production methods shall not be sold or marketed as organic in Canada.
- Agricultural products derived from animals (with the exception of ruminants) must be produced according to livestock stocking rates as set out in CAN /CGSB32.310-2006.

Written documentation is required to verify that additional production requirements listed above have been met. These attestations can be made by either the operation or the certifying agent. All products that are produced under the terms of the arrangement must be accompanied by documentation stating the following: “Certified in compliance with the terms of the US-Canada Organic Equivalency Arrangement”.