



Japan:

The U.S. has an organic equivalency arrangement with Japan. This means that, as long as the terms of the arrangement are met, certified organic operations in Japan or in the U.S. may sell their products as organic in either country.

All certified organic plant and plant based processed products that are produced in the U.S. and Japan, or which have final processing, packaging, or labeling in the U.S. or Japan, may access either market.

USDA organic products exported to Japan that fall under the scope of the arrangement (certified organic plant and plant based processed products) must be accompanied by a TM-11 Export Certificate, that has been completed by a USDA accredited certifying agent. This certificate verifies that the product complies with the terms of the trade arrangement.

Products produced under the arrangement must comply with labeling requirements of the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture (JAS), Forestry and Fisheries requirements, and for the use of the JAS seal.

Additionally, 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-Japan Organic Equivalency Arrangement.”

Contact Eric at Baystate for the appropriate forms for shipment to Japan.