## **Organic Handling Plan for**

## Importers/Traders/Brokers/Distributors/Warehousing/Frozen Storage

Complete this plan if you are requesting organic certification for products produced for you at a certified copacker or for product that you relabel or resell without processing or repackaging. If you repackage or process products in any way, fill out the Organic Handling Plan. NOTE: sections of this plan are not sequential because this plan omits portions of the Organic Handling Plan that are not applicable to importers, traders, brokers, distributors, frozen storage, or warehouses. See the Application Checklist for any additional documentation and forms needed.

SECTION 1: General Information							205.201, 205.401
Applicant/company name:	Date:			Organic certification number:		tion number:	
Owner:	Primary Contact for certification:			Primary Contact's Numbers (office/mobile):		lumbers (office/mobile):	
Primary Contact's Email Address:			Compar	ny Websit	Vebsite:		
List Other Authorized Contacts with their Titles and Contact Information (email/phone number):							
Mailing Address:	Ci	ty:			Sta	te/province:	Postal/zip code:
Physical Address:	Ci	ty:			Sta	te/province:	Postal/zip code:
Legal status:  Sole proprietorship Legal partnership (federal form 106	-	Coope	rative 🗌	Trust or r	non-pro	fit 🗌 LLC	I
Year company began:			r of emplo	oyees:			
1-1. Please list the federal, state and/or i	municipal lice	nses and r	edistration	ns vou mu	ust carr	v for food har	ndlina:
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Do you have a copy of the Baystate Program Manual or a copy of the current organic standards?  Yes No				′es 🔲 No			
1-2. What general categories of organic products are handled or planned to be handled? Provide a complete list of products requested for certification in Section 2: Product Composition and Labeling.				ition and Labeling.			
I have attached a separate list of all organic products for certification							
1-3. Preferred time for inspection visit: [	-			o this app	lication	).	
Fill out Direction Sheet and attach to this application.         1-4. Type of operation (i.e. distributor, brand owner,       Is your operation:       Estimated annual total pro			annual total production				
broker, etc.):			-	/  Contract vendor % org nonorganic		ganic %	
1-5. List additional buildings and locations:							
Address	C		City	у		State	
1-6. If you use co-packers or contract vendors, give the following information:							
Name of Co-Packer or Contract Vendor	Address			Phone No.		Certified By	
1-7. List or attach a list stating the gener	al categories	of nonora	anic produ	cts produ	iced bv	your compan	IV.
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There are four categories of organic products: "100% Organic", "Organic", "Made with Organic (specified ingredients or food group(s))", and products with less than 70% organic ingredients. The % of organic ingredients is calculated by dividing the total net weight or volume (excluding salt and water) of combined organic ingredients by the total weight or volume of all ingredients identified as "organic" in the ingredient list must be certified organic. Ingredients sourced from non-certified exempt or excluded operations must not be identified or used as organic ingredients.

Products labeled "100% organic" must contain 100% organic ingredients, including any processing aids. Products labeled "organic" must contain at least 95% organic ingredients; nonorganic ingredients must not be commercially available in an organic form; and all synthetic ingredients and processing aids must be on the National List. Products labeled "made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s))" must contain at least 70% organic ingredients. For "100% organic," "organic," and "made with ..." products, both organic and nonorganic ingredients must not be produced using excluded methods, sewage sludge, or ionizing radiation. Products labeled "organic" or "made with..." must not include organic and nonorganic forms of the same ingredient, except that a nonorganic ingredient in a product labeled "made with..." may contain organic and nonorganic forms of the same ingredient, but the ingredient must not be labeled as "organic" on the ingredient statement or be counted in the calculation of the product's organic percentage. Products with less than 70% organic ingredients can only identify organic ingredients in the information panel. Refer to Section 205.605 and 205.606, to determine which nonagricultural substances and nonorganically produced agricultural ingredients are allowed in or on products labeled "organic" or "made with...".

The Organic Standards have specific requirements for principal display panel information relating to the use of the term "organic", depending on the % of organic ingredients in the finished product. For all products, organic ingredients must be identified in the ingredient information panel. Up to three ingredients or food groups can be listed on the principal display panel for products labeled as "made with organic (ingredients or food group(s)). The term "organic" cannot be used to describe a nonorganic ingredient in a product name. Water and salt cannot be identified as "organic". The name of the certifying agent must be identified on the information panel below the name of the handler or distributor, preceded by the statement, "Certified organic by..." or similar phrase. The address and telephone number of the certifying agent may be displayed.

The USDA seal can be used on "100% organic" or "organic" products, but not on products labeled "made with....". Baystate Organic Certifiers seal or logo can be used on "100% organic," "organic" or "made with...". Products with less than 70% organic ingredients cannot use either the USDA seal or BOC's seal or logo. Baystate Organic Certifiers seal cannot be displayed more prominently than the USDA seal. Use of either the USDA or BOC's seal is voluntary and not required by the NOP.

Attach a Single Ingredient Product Profile to list all single ingredient products and/or an Organic Product Profile for each multi-ingredient product requested for certification. Include examples of all labels used for each product.

				🗌 None
cluding processi	ng aids.)			
	- ,	check the ap	propriate boxe	S.
Non-Retail Product? (Yes or No)	Organic Ingredients Identified in the Information Panel	Baystate Identified on Label?	USDA Seal on Label? (Yes or No)	Baystate Seal on Label?
	(Yes or No)	(Yes or No)		(Yes or No)
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95% certified org	anic ingredients)			🗌 None
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Non-Retail	Organic Ingredients	Baystate	USDA Seal	Baystate Seal on
				Baystate Seal on Label?
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Non-Retail Product? (Yes	Organic Ingredients Identified in the Information Panel	Baystate Identified on Label?	USDA Seal on Label?	Seal on Label?
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Non-Retail Product? (Yes	Organic Ingredients Identified in the Information Panel	Baystate Identified on Label?	USDA Seal on Label?	Seal on Label?
Non-Retail Product? (Yes	Organic Ingredients Identified in the Information Panel	Baystate Identified on Label?	USDA Seal on Label?	Seal on Label?
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SECTION 2. Labeling and F	Product Co	mposition (cont.)				
	<b>2B-2. Are any nonorganic agricultural ingredients used in products labeled as "Organic"?</b> Yes No If yes, list all organic products which contain nonorganic agricultural ingredients:					
Submit a list of all sources	s checked fo	or the organic ingred	of the standards?	arch, and the contac	ct informatior	n for the
For every non-organic	-	l ingredient used, l h	nave attached proof that I s	searched for the ingr	edient organ	ically.
statement is displayed Does the percentage s	s so labeled ercentage s ?	I. tatement exceed on □ No ppear in its entirety	entage of organic ingred ne-half the size of the large in the same font size/style number?	est font size on the pa	anel on whic	
2C. Products Labeled As " (At least 70% certified organ 2C-1. List products to be la	ic ingredier	ts; up to 3 ingredien	nts or food groups can be l	isted, see Section 20		-
Name of Product	Non- retail Product? (Yes or No)	Number of Ingredients or Food Groups Identified in the Made with Organic Statement?	List Each Ingredient or Food Group <sup>1</sup> Identified as Organic on the Principal Display Panel	Organic Ingredients Identified as Organic in the Information Panel? (Yes or No)	Baystate Identified on Label? (Yes or No)	Baystate Seal on Label? (Yes or No)
2C-2. Does the "made with size on the panel?			rincipal display panel ex	ceed one-half the s	ize of the la	rgest font
size on the panel?  Yes No 2C-3. Does the "made with organic" statement on the principal display panel appear in its entirety in the same font size/style/color without highlighting?  Yes No						
<b>2C-4. Does any "made with organic" packaging show the percent of organic ingredients in the product?</b> ☐Yes ☐ No If yes, is the percentage statement font size larger than half of the largest font on the display panel? ☐ Yes ☐ No Does the percentage statement appear in its entirety in the same font size/style/color without highlighting? ☐Yes ☐ No Is the percentage rounded down to the nearest whole number? ☐ Yes ☐ No						
2D. Products with Less Than 70% Organic Ingredients (organic ingredients listed only on the information panel) 2D-1. List all products which contain less than 70% organic ingredients:  None						
<ul> <li>2E. By-Products</li> <li>2E-1. Will any by-products from certified organic products be sold as certified organic? Yes No N/A If yes, list all organic products manufactured from by-products:</li> </ul>						
			on a Single Ingredient Pro	oduct Profile.		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Choose from the following listings: beans, fish, fruits, grains, herbs, meats, nuts, oils, poultry, seeds, spices, sweeteners, vegetables, or processed milk products Organic Handling Plan – Importer/Trader/Broker/Distributor/Warehouses/Frozen Storage 3.7

SECTION 3: Assurance of Organic Integrity 205.201(a), 205.270, 205.272
The Organic Standards require handling practices and procedures present no contamination risk from commingling with non- organic products or contact with prohibited substances. Packaging materials and storage containers must not have contained synthetic fungicides, preservatives or fumigants. Reusable containers must be clean and pose no risk to the integrity of organic products. Procedures used to maintain organic integrity must be documented.
3A. PRODUCT FLOW
Attach a complete written process flow description showing the movement of organic products from ingredient and/or product purchase through storage, relabeling (if applicable), shipment to the co-packer (if applicable) and shipment from copacker to storage (if applicable) to shipment to customers. All locations where ingredients and products pass through must be identified. The description must show each step, the frequency of each activity and any records kept. All equipment and storage areas must be identified. Include a flow chart demonstrating this if needed.
3B. ORGANIC INTEGRITY
3B-1. Do you have an organic integrity plan in place to address areas of potential commingling of organic and non-organic ingredients and/or contamination of organic ingredients by prohibited substances? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, have you submitted a copy of your organic integrity plan? ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, when will that plan be implemented?
3C. MONITORING
The Organic Standards requires organic operations describe the monitoring practices and quality assurance steps they intend on taking are being followed and implemented.
<b>3C-1. Do you have a Quality Assurance program in place?</b> ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, what program do you use? ☐ ISO ☐ HACCP ☐ TQM ☐ other (specify)
<b>3C-2. Are any outside quality assessment services used (e.g. AIB)?</b> Yes No If yes, name of company:
<b>3C-3. Do you arrange for any ingredient testing for pesticide residues or GMOs?</b> If yes, include test results with your application.
<ul> <li>3C-4. In your products to be certified, if you use non-organic ingredients, how do you prevent the use of ingredients produced using excluded methods (genetic engineering), sewage sludge, or ionizing radiation? (Check all that apply)</li> <li>GE testing letters from manufacturers other (specify)</li> </ul>
<b>3C-5. Are ingredient samples retained?</b> Yes No If yes, how long?
<b>3C-6. Are finished product samples retained?</b> Yes No If yes, how long?
<b>3C-7. Do you have a product recall system in place?</b> Yes No Describe the last product recall you performed.
3C-8. How do you monitor the implementation of your organic system Plan, including recording the frequency of your monitoring? (Check all that apply.)         Updating of certification certificates for organic ingredients   Annually   other (specify)         Updating compliance documentation for non-organic ingredients   Annually   other (specify)         Updating of Organic Handling Plan and Profiles   Annually   other (specify)         Conducting Ingredient Inventory   Annual   Twice a year   Monthly   other (specify)         Conducting Finished Product Inventory   Annual   Twice a year   Monthly   other (specify)         Do you keep records of your internal pest control monitoring?   Yes   No         Pest control monitoring by outside contractor   Daily   Weekly   Monthly   other (specify)         Do you keep records of the activities of your pest control contractor?   Yes   No         Auditing your own recordkeeping   Annually   Monthly   other (specify)         Do you keep records of your internal audits?   Yes   No         QA or supervisory checks on procedures   Daily   Weekly   Monthly   other (specify)         Do you keep records of QA Supervisory Checks?   Yes   No         Mock Product Recalls   Annually   Monthly   other (specify)         Do you keep records of your mock product recalls?   Yes   No         Other   Annually   Monthly   other (specify)         Do you keep records of QA Supervisory Checks?   Yes   No         Other   Annually   Monthly   other (specify)         Do you keep records of your mock prod

3-G. Storage If you do not have physical sto	rage, and you do not take p	possession of p		n/a, no possession of product next section.
Provide information on your stora	age areas in the following tab	le.		
Use	Location	Type/Capacity	Dedicated Organic? (Yes or No)	Comments on Potential for Contamination or Commingling Problems
Ingredient storage – DRY				
Ingredient storage – FROZEN				
Ingredient storage – REFRIGERATED	<u> </u>			
Packaging material storage				
Finished product storage				
Off-site storage*				
Other (specify)	· · · ·			
*If there is off-site storage, provid		nber, contact per	son and type of produc	ts stored off-site:
3H. TRANSPORT OF ORGANIC				
<b>INCOMING PRODUCT</b> Not A	Applicable			
3H-1. In what forms are incomi	<b>ng ingredients received?</b> [ bard drums           paper bags			s 🔲 tote boxes
3H-2. Are all incoming organic ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A	ingredients or finished goo	ods packaged so	o they can't be contai	minated in shipping?
3H-3. Are bulk shipments of organic ingredients or finished goods palletized on their own pallets or shipped on their own trucks or in their own bulk containers?  Yes No N/A				
3H-4. Do you maintain a receiving record that shows that all organic ingredients or finished goods were received in good condition and were not damaged or contaminated in shipment?  Yes No				
<b>3H-5. Do you arrange incoming ingredient or finished goods transport?</b> ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, have transport companies been notified of organic handling requirements <b>?</b> ☐ Yes ☐ No				
<b>3H-6. Are transport units used to carry nonorganic ingredients, finished goods or prohibited substances?</b> Yes If yes, how do you ensure that inbound transport units are cleaned prior to loading organic products?				
Is the inspection/cleaning p	process documented?	′es 🗌 No		
3H-7. Are organic ingredients o ☐ Yes ☐ No	or finished goods shipped a	at the same time	e as nonorganic in the	e same transport units?
Check all steps taken to segrega	ate organic products: 🔲 sea	led in impermeab	ole containers 🔲 sepa	arate pallets
	anic" 🗌 shrink-wrapped 🗌	separate area in	transport unit 🛛 ot	her (specify)
OUTGOING FINISHED PRODUC	<u></u>			
<b>3H-8. In what form are finished</b> other (specify)	products shipped?	/ bulk 🔲 liquid	bulk 🗌 shrink wrapp	bed pallets
3H-9. Are all outgoing products contaminated or commingled of				I products cannot be
3H-10. How are outgoing produ	ucts transported?			
<b>3H-11. Do you arrange outgoin</b> Have transport companies	g product transport?			
<b>3H-12. Are transport units used</b> If yes, how do you ensure	d to carry nonorganic produes that outgoing transport units			
Is the inspection/cleaning	process documented?	Yes 🗌 No		
3H-13. Are organic products sh Check all steps taken to s	nipped at the same time as segregate organic products:			

3H-13. Are organic products shipped at the same time as	nonorganic in the same transport units?  Yes No N/A
Check all steps taken to segregate organic products:	organic product sealed in impermeable containers
separate pallets pallet tags labeled "organic"	🗌 use shrink-wrap 🔲 separate area in transport unit

SECTION 4: Pest Manag	SECTION 4: Pest Management 205.271				
If you do not have a ph	ysical warehouse, storag	e, or facility, skip to the l	next section. 🗌 n/a		
The Organic standards require management practices to prevent pests (removal of pest habitat, food sources, and breeding areas, and prevention of access to handling facilities). Environmental factors (temperature, light, humidity, atmosphere, and air circulation) may be used to prevent pests. Pests may be controlled using mechanical or physical means, such as traps, light, or sound. Lures and repellents may be used if they do not contain prohibited substances or products produced using excluded methods (genetically engineered). If these are not effective, a synthetic substance not on the National List may be used if BOC approves use of the substance, method of application, and measures taken to prevent contact with ingredients or organic products. Use of pest control products must be documented and included as part of the Organic Handling Plan.					
What type of pest mana	agement system do you ι	ise?			
in-house: name of	• •				
contract pest contr	ol service: name, address,	phone number			
Check all pest problems	s you generally have: crawling insects	☐ mice	] birds 🔲 other (specify	)	
Check all pest management practices you use:          good sanitation       removal of exterior habitat/food sources       clean up spilled product       exclusion       mowing         sealed doors and/or windows       repair of holes, cracks, etc.       screened windows, vents, etc.       mechanical traps         physical barriers       sheet metal on sides of building exterior       air curtains       air showers       use of beneficials         positive air pressure in facility       monitoring       incoming ingredient inspection for pests       freezing treatments         inspection zones around interior perimeter       ultrasound/light devices       sticky traps       diatomaceous earth         electrocutors       pheromone traps       scare eye balloons       nitrogen       vitamin baits       pyrethrum       ryania         heat treatments       vacuum treatments       carbon dioxide       rotenone       boric acid       precipitated silica         disodium octal tetrahydrate       fumigation       fogging       crack and crevice spray       other (specify)					
Check all aspects of your waste management system that apply: <ul> <li>on-site dumpster</li> <li>material recycling</li> <li>daily pick-up of waste</li> <li>composting</li> <li>field application of waste</li> <li>other (specify)</li> </ul>					
Does your waste management system provide habitat and/or food sources for pests?  Yes No If yes, please describe:					
Pesticide Use:					
Provide information of pe	sticide use inside your faci	lity for the last 12 months i	n the following table.		
Substance	Target Pest	Location Used	Method of Application	Date(s) of Applications	

of finished products out? Yes No	20
5-8. How long do you keep your records? (The Organic Standards require records be kept for 5 y	e

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SECTION 5: Recordkeeping 205.103
The Organic Standards require records disclose all activities and transactions, be maintained for 5 years, and demonstrate compliance with the NOP Rule. Organic ingredients must be verified as certified organic. Products must be tracked from receipt of incoming ingredients to sale of finished products. Finished product amounts must balance with organic ingredients purchased. All relevant documents must identify products as "organic", and all records must be accessible to the inspector. <b>5-1. Which of the following records do you keep for organic processing/handling?</b>
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INCOMING: purchase orders contracts invoices bills of lading Certificates of Analysis Transaction Certificates receiving records scale tickets Organic Certificates verification ingredients not produced using sewage sludge customs forms quality test results receipts verification ingredients produced/handled without ionizing radiation commercial availability documentation for nonorganic ingredients in "organic" labeled products NOP import certificates fumigation at port of entry records non-GMO ingredients verification phytosanitary certificates other (specify)
5-2. Are you purchasing from a non-certified distributor? 🗌 Yes 🛛 No
If yes, list non-certified distributors:
Do your records indicate the certified source of the ingredient purchased from the non-certified distributor? 🗌 Yes 🗌 No
IN-PROCESS:       □ Not Applicable         □ ingredient inspection forms       □ blending reports       □ production report/batch sheet       □ equipment clean-out logs         □ packaging reports       □ sanitation logs       □ QA reports       □ production summaries (12 mos.)       □ other (specify)
STORAGE:
OUTGOING:         Shipping log       purchase orders       sales orders/invoices       transport unit inspection forms       bills of lading         scale tickets       Organic Certificates       export declaration forms       Transaction Certificates       sales summary log         phytosanitary certificates       shipping summary log       audit control register       complaint log       other (specify)
5-3. Lot number tracking of ingredients is required by the organic standards. List out the points in your recordkeeping where the lot numbers are documented (purchase, receiving, production, storage, etc.):
5-4. Describe your lot numbering system for finished products:
5-5. The organic standards require non-retail (master or wholesale) cases used to pack or store product to have lot numbers for organic products. If you use master cases, are lot codes on them?  Yes No N/A
5-6. Can your recordkeeping system track each lot of finished product back to the certified supplier's lot number for each lot of ingredient or incoming product used?
5-7. Can your recordkeeping system balance quantities of organic ingredients or incoming products in with quantities of finished products out?  Yes No
5-8. How long do you keep your records? (The Organic Standards require records be kept for 5 years.)

SECTION 6: Certification Status, Canadian Equivalency, and the Export and Import of Products and Ingredients Has this operation, or a responsible party (owner, manager) connected to this operation, ever previously held organic certification? Yes No
List previous years certified organic and name of accredited certifying agency:
List current organic certification by other accredited certifying agencies:
If you applied, but were never certified, list year of application and detail the outcome:
Has organic certification ever been denied, suspended, or revoked? Yes No n/a If yes, describe the circumstances and attach a list of all non-compliances noted by the certifying agent issuing the decision, and corrective actions you took to address the non-compliances:
I have attached non-compliances and corrective actions. If you were ever certified, or are currently certified, by another agency, submit your last certificate issued, the last post- inspection letter received, any non-compliances cited, and corrective actions you took to fix the non-compliances.
I have attached non-compliances and corrective actions.
<ul> <li>I have attached current certification certificate, and last post-inspection letter.</li> </ul>
Do you plan on shipping any of your finished organic products to Canada? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, do you have proof that all USDA/NOP compliant organic agricultural ingredients have not been produced hydroponically and have been produced without using Sodium (chilean) nitrate and that all livestock products have been produced according to the terms of the US-Canada Organic Equivalency Arrangement? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, list all products you intend on shipping to Canada. You may attach as separate list of products shipping to Canada:
Do you plan on accompanying shipments to Canada with a full copy of your Certification Certificate which includes the statement "Certified in accordance with the terms of the US-Canada Organic Equivalency Arrangement"?  Yes No Explain any special circumstances:
The National Organic Program requires adherence to various international arrangements concerning the trade of organic feed, ingredients and finished products. Specific documentation is required to be obtained with each shipment into, or out of, the US. Organic products must be able to be tracked from the source to the destination, and all products must be verified as certified organic. All relevant documentation must be collected in a timely manner and records of incoming and outgoing shipments must be accessible to the certifier and inspector.
Do you plan on using ingredients, raw materials, feed, processing aids, etc. that have been imported from any foreign country/region? 🗌 Yes 🗌 No
If yes, please list all ingredients/materials and all source location(s):
Are you the direct importer for these ingredients and materials? 🗌 Yes 🔲 No
I have retained all documentation received with each shipment, including the following (specify):
Are you using an organic certified importer(s)/distributor(s)?   Yes   No
☐ I have the distributor(s) current organic certificate documentation.
If you are importing ingredients, feed, or finished products from any foreign country/region, import documentation completed by the appropriate certifying agency is required. Do you retain the proper import documentation showing everything imported from any of these countries has been approved by the correct certifying agency?   Yes No
If you are importing product through an uncertified distributor, confirm that you are obtaining and keeping the proper import documentation on file.
If you are importing ingredients, feed, or finished products from any other foreign country/region that may be subject to phytosanitary screening, do you verify that they have not been treated with a prohibited substance at the port of entry? Pres I No
Do you plan on shipping/exporting finished products to any foreign country/region except Canada? 🗌 Yes 🗌 No
If yes, please list <u>all export destinations</u> for your product:
If yes, list all products that you plan on exporting and their respective country or countries of export. You may attach a
separate list of products with their respective destinations:
If yes, list the documentation sent with each shipment.
Are you in compliance with the requirements for exporting organic products covered by Equivalency Trade Arrangements? (For a full list of these Arrangements see our Program Manual)  Yes  No If yes, describe how you are in compliance.

## **SECTION 7: Affirmation**

## 205.100, 205.400, 205.401

I affirm that all statements made in this application are true and correct. I understand my facility may be subject to inspection and/or residues sampling at any time deemed appropriate to ensure compliance with the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 and NOP Rules and Regulations. I understand acceptance of my application for organic certification in no way implies granting of certification by Baystate Organic Certifiers. I agree to provide further information as required by Baystate Organic Certifiers.

Furthermore, I agree to abide by the following general requirements for certification as specified in section 205.400 of the National Organic Standards. A person seeking to receive or maintain organic certification must:

- 1. Comply with the Organic Food Productions Act and all applicable regulations specified in the National Organic Standards and with all Baystate Organic Certifiers certification requirements as outlined in the Program Manual.
- 2. Establish, implement, and update annually an organic production or handling system plan that is submitted to Baystate Organic Certifiers.
- 3. Permit on-site inspections by Baystate Organic Certifiers with complete access to the production or handling operation, including noncertified production and handling areas, structures, and offices.
- 4. Maintain all records applicable to the organic operation for not less than 5 years beyond their creation and allow authorized representatives of the Secretary of Agriculture, and Baystate Organic Certifiers access to such records during normal business hours for review and copying to determine compliance with the Organic Food Productions Act and all applicable regulations specified in the National Organic Standards.
- 5. Submit applicable fees according to the Baystate Organic Certifiers' Fee Schedule.
- 6. Immediately notify Baystate Organic Certifiers concerning any application, including drift, of a prohibited substance to any field, production unit, site, facility, livestock, or product that is part of an operation; and notify Baystate of any change in a certified operation or any portion of a certified operation that may affect its compliance with the Act and the regulations in this part.
- 7. Submit all labels used to market organic produce, meat, or products to Baystate Organic Certifiers for review and approval prior to using these labels to market the produce, meat, or products.

Signature of Owner/Manager: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_

I have made copies of this Organic Handling Plan and other supporting documents for my own records.

Application forms may be emailed to: <u>applications@baystateorganic.org</u>. Submit copies, fees, and supporting documents to: Baystate Organic Certifiers, c/o Don Franczyk, 1220 Cedarwood Circle, N. Dighton, MA 02764