

## May a retail operation be certified?

Under the NOP regulations, retail operations are generally considered an excluded entity and, therefore, ***do not have to be certified***. However, a retailer ***may voluntarily become certified*** for the products for which it handles in accordance with the NOP regulations. And if a retailer has an in-store bakery or delicatessen which processes products that are sold as organic, that portion of the retail operation ***must be certified*** as a handling operation in order to sell, label, or represent those products as organic.

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