

**I am currently researching the organic food industry, specifically the food distributors. What are the specific rules that would apply to an organic food distributor. I would also like to know what the penalties are for violating these rules?**

Distributors come under the category of handling in the regulations. The penalties for violating the NOP regulations are the loss of certification for up to 5 years and civil penalties of up to \$11,000 per violation. Ref: Preamble & §§ 205.270 thru 205.272.

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