

A client wants to know, can they call their organic red wine vinegar, which is certified by a USDA foreign certifying agent, "organic," in the foreign country in which it is being marketed?

"Organic" means a minimum content of 95 percent organic ingredients. If the product contains 95 percent organic ingredients and meets the NOP regulations, and is certified, it can be labeled as "organic." If it is not certified to the NOP but certified to a foreign standard and marketed only in a foreign country, NOP has no jurisdiction over its labeling, except that the product may not reference USDA or the NOP in its label.

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