

I currently bottle ready-to-drink tea beverages with a company overseas. They have just applied for organic certification. What do I need to do in order to import my products from them while they are waiting for your approval?

Wait for your supplier to become certified, as long as all you are going to do is sell the bottled tea. But if you are going to do anything more than sell the already bottled tea, you will also have to become certified as a handler. Go to the NOP website @ <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop> and click on "Certifying Agents." Click on the "List of USDA Accredited Certifying Agents," then choose either domestic or foreign to find the closest Certifying Agent to you. Once you choose a Certifying Agent, and contact them, they will be able to explain all the steps required for you to become certified.

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