

Some U.S. importers request transaction certificates for each container they receive of packed products. Does this exceed the NOP rule requirements?

Yes, transactions certificates exceed NOP requirements. There is no requirement in the NOP regulations for transaction certificates. However, as a marketing tool, and proof of organic certification, some accredited certifying agents are providing load specific transaction certificates for a fee to help facilitate the trade and marketing of organic products. Any fees charged, and implementation of a transaction certificate program would require an update in your quality systems manual and fee schedule, should you choose to provide these certificates and choose to charge a fee.

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