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Carl Jorgensen, President
Maharishi Vedic Organic Agriculture Institute (MVOAI)
2000 N. Court Street
Post Office Box 2006
Fairfield, Iowa 52556

Dear Mr. Jorgensen:

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) has reviewed your application for accreditation as a certifying agent to perform certification activities on behalf of USDA under the National Organic Program (NOP). Your application has been approved, subject to the conditions listed on the enclosed Terms of Accreditation document.

Please carefully review and then sign, date, and return by facsimile the enclosed Terms of Accreditation document signifying your acceptance of the terms of your accreditation. Upon your signed acknowledgement of the terms of accreditation, the USDA will issue a formal Certificate of Accreditation. In the interim, this letter will serve as your notice of accreditation.

This accreditation to certify crops, livestock, wild crop and handling operations is granted pursuant to the provisions of the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 as amended (7 U.S.C. 6501 *et seq.*), and the NOP Final Rule (7 CFR Part 205). This accreditation is effective April 29, 2007, and will terminate on April 29, 2012. Accreditation is contingent upon the satisfactory completion and full implementation of corrective actions found in the attached report to be observed and verified during your next on-site audit.

Thank you for your willingness to represent the USDA as an accredited certifying agent. If you have any questions about the program or the standards you will be certifying to, please do not hesitate to contact the NOP staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lloyd C. Day". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Lloyd C. Day
Administrator

Enclosures



TERMS OF ACCREDITATION

Applicant	Maharishi Vedic Organic Agriculture Institute
Date	July 22, 2008
Audit Identifier	NP7108EEA

Accreditation permits you to certify **crops, livestock, wild crop and handling** operations in accordance with the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (Act) and the NOP regulations. In order to retain this accreditation, you must:

1. Resolve, by a date certain and to the satisfaction of USDA, any deficiencies identified during desk audits and onsite evaluations;
2. Comply with the Act, NOP regulations, directives, and guidance issued by USDA, NOP;
3. Accept the certification decisions made by another certifying agent accredited or accepted by USDA;
4. Refrain from making false or misleading claims about your accreditation status, the USDA accreditation program for certifying agents, or the nature or qualities of products labeled as organically produced;
5. Not require as a condition of certification that any client comply with any production or handling practice other than those required by the NOP regulations;
6. Schedule and pay for an initial accreditation onsite audit and at least one mid-term surveillance onsite audit to be conducted by representatives of the NOP at each location where certification business is conducted;
7. Submit fees for accreditation as provided in 205.640;
8. Submit an annual report on January 2 of all operations certified during the previous year in a format approved by the NOP;
9. Submit annual updates of any changes to your policies, procedures or personnel information no later than the anniversary date of this accreditation;
10. Conduct an annual performance evaluation of all persons who review applications for certification, perform onsite inspections, review certification documents, evaluate qualifications for certification, make recommendations concerning certification or make certification decisions and implement measures to correct any deficiencies;
11. Have an annual program review of your certification activities conducted by a member of your staff, an outside auditor, or a consultant who has expertise to conduct such reviews and implement measures to correct any noncompliances with the Act and the regulations in this part that are identified in the evaluation;
12. Hold the Secretary harmless for any failure on your part to carry out the provisions of the Act and NOP regulations;
13. Furnish reasonable security in an amount and according to such terms as the Administrator may by regulation prescribe, for the purpose of protecting the rights of production and handling operations that you certify under the NOP regulations;
14. Transfer to USDA and make available to the applicable State organic program's governing State official all records or copies of records concerning your certification activities in the event that you dissolve or lose your accreditation. *Such transfer does not apply to a merger, sale, or other transfer of ownership of a certifying agent;*
15. Retain documents as required by the NOP regulations and provide access to representatives of the Department during normal business hours;
16. Report all notices of noncompliances and adverse actions to NOP compliance concurrent with their issuance;
17. Not reinstate the certification of a suspended or revoked certified operation without written approval from the NOP;
18. Attend and satisfactorily complete annual training provided by USDA, NOP;
19. Make application to the Administrator and receive approval for any change to the scope of this accreditation prior to implementing any such change;
20. Apply for renewal of this accreditation no later than 6 months prior to its expiration in order to avoid a lapse in accreditation.

FAILURE TO COMPLY OR SUBMIT REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION WILL RESULT IN INITIATION OF PROCEDURES TO SUSPEND OR REVOKE YOUR ACCREDITATION. Please sign and date below, acknowledging your acceptance of these terms of accreditation. Return by fax or overnight carrier to Director, NOP on 202-205-7808 (fax).

Name/Title _____
Date