

ORGANIC **INTEGRITY** DATABASE



Organic *INTEGRITY* Database Update and Next Steps

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INTEGRITY Launch = Significant Success



- Significant certifier input helped shape development and testing
- As of lunchtime, 71 certifiers have data in the system (representing >94% of operations)
- A significant number of certifiers used the taxonomy in their initial data submittal
- Many certifiers have indicated that they will adopt taxonomy over next year and will be making frequent updates to system

Where We Are NOW



- We are ALL still learning what INTEGRITY does and how to use it
- We have gone from 1 layer of data to 3:
 - Basic Search
 - Advanced Search
 - Operation Profile
- There are many operation-scope-product certification status roll-up and roll-down rules to accommodate different certifier needs

Don't Like Something?



- It could be a decision we made based on NOP, certifier, and stakeholder input
- It could be an unexpected derivative outcome caused by a related decision
- It could be an error in assumptions during programming
- It could be a bug (something was coded incorrectly)

Tell Us! We Want Your Feedback!



It's not too late to weigh in.....

Help us understand the concern:

- Where you are (what screen or action) – Screen shots are ideal!
- What you see that is unexpected
- What you expected and why you think it should be that way
- General suggestions or pain points OK too!

Send to INTEGRITY@ams.usda.gov

What Happens to Feedback



- We classify concern: Bug? Request?
 - Includes assessing whether it is an individualized or shared need or want
- We assess action plan:
 - Plan to implement as maintenance step
 - List as new accepted need to schedule
 - List as something to consider in the future
- User group will be consulted once things settle down and we have a stable list

What We Ask YOU to Focus On



- Increased data structure and visibility is highlighting data quality problems
- It is also highlighting new policy questions
- **Focus on:**
 - Getting used to using the system
 - Uploading replacement lists as needed
 - Using user interface to fix individual operation data and upload new ones
 - Getting used to changing certification statuses when operation is suspended or revoked

Certifier Scenario 1



- Changing certification status to suspended or revoked when issuing Final Notices
- Uploading new operations monthly
- Changing status from certification to surrendered monthly
 - Using user interface if there are few
 - Uploading operation level data sheet if there are many

Certifier Scenario 2



- Focusing on refining export from existing certification system into the new template
- Plans to upload spreadsheet every week or two with any updated data



Where We Are Going Next

Release 2, 3, and Beyond



**Advanced
Public Search
Capabilities**

**Automated
Connections
(Web Services)**

**Certifier Profile
Updates and
Searches**

**Operation
Reinstatement and
History Tracking**

**Adverse Action
Postings**

**Operation
Certificate Module**

Nearer Term



Advanced Public Search Capabilities

- Keyword Search Box
- Refine Search Terms (e.g., States)
- As Data Are Loaded, Add New Search Fields

Automated Connections (Web Services)

- Facilitate Incoming Data Feeds
- Facilitate 3rd Party Data Access

Certifier Profile Updates and Searches

- Allow Certifiers to Update Own Listings
- Facilitate Public Search of Certifiers Operating in Certain Locations

Into Mid/Long-Term



Operation Reinstatement and History Tracking

- Ensure Suspended Operations are not Re-Certified without Reinstatement
- Track Operation Certification Status Changes Over Time

Adverse Action Postings

- Integrate Adverse Action Reporting into INTEGRITY
- Align Adverse Action Reporting with Certification Status Changes in Database

Operation Certificate Module

- Transition to Federated Certificate Template to Reduce Fraud
- Facilitate Certifier Production of Certificates through INTEGRITY or on Own

Some Notes About Certificate Module



- We know many certifiers have concerns
- We are NOT trying to eliminate unique sources of value for certifier
- We ARE seeking more harmonization and a shared look across the industry
- We ARE seeking to increase market security
- We'd also like to capitalize on the standardized look-up potential offered by the new and permanent NOP ID (10 digits)
- **We will engage you as we move forward!**

Next Steps



- **Contact the Team Anytime!**

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