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## **NOTICE OF REVOCATION OF CERTIFICATION**

**January 3, 2018**

**VIA REGISTERED EMAIL**

Mr. Greg Lolonis  
Ulysses Lolonis Vineyards  
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Redwood Valley, California 95470  
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Dear Mr. Lolonis:

This is a Notice of Revocation of the organic certification of Ulysses Lolonis Vineyards (Lolonis) by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), National Organic Program (NOP). On November 13, 2017, the NOP issued a Notice of Proposed Revocation to Lolonis. The proposed revocation was based on the fact that Lolonis failed to comply with the terms of its settlement agreement with the USDA, NOP. You did not file an appeal with the NOP within 30 days of receipt of the notice. Because Lolonis has not appealed the NOP's November 13, 2017, Notice of Proposed Revocation, Lolonis' organic certification is hereby revoked.

Section 2120 of the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990, as amended (OFPA) (7 U.S.C. § 6519(c)) and 7 CFR §§ 205.660(b)(1) and 205.662(a) and (f)(2) authorize the NOP's program manager to order revocation of the certification of a certified operation and all of its responsibly connected persons, including any other person who is a partner, officer, director, holder, manager, or owner of 10 percent or more of the voting stock of said operation, if an inspection, review, or investigation of the certified operation reveals any noncompliance with the OFPA. Additionally, § 205.662(f)(2) of the regulations states that a certified operation or a person responsibly connected with an operation whose certification has been revoked will be ineligible to receive certification for a period of five years following the date of such revocation. As a certified operation, Lolonis was in full knowledge of the requirements of the USDA organic regulations.

### **FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

On November 8, 2016, you signed a settlement agreement with the NOP to resolve alleged violations of the USDA organic regulations. The settlement agreement stated that you would pay a civil penalty of \$5,500 over 12 (twelve) installments of \$458.33. You made payments totaling \$2,291.69; however, the NOP has not received a payment from you since April 1, 2017. The outstanding balance on your civil penalty payments is \$3,208.31.

The failure to adhere to the terms of the November 2016 Settlement Agreement shows a continued inability to comply with the USDA organic regulations and, thus, that the noncompliance is not correctable.

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Lolonis' USDA organic certification is hereby revoked, in accordance with 7 CFR § 205.662(f)(2). Lolonis and all its responsibly connected persons, including any other person who is a partner, officer, director, holder, manager, or owner of ten percent or more of the voting stock, are hereby directed to cease and desist all sale and handling of products represented as organic.

Be advised that failure to cease and desist, and comply with the USDA organic regulations, may result in a civil penalty of \$11,000 per violation (7 U.S.C. § 6519).

Lolonis' certification status will be updated shortly on the NOP's online Organic Integrity Database to reflect the revocation.

Sincerely,



**FOR:**

Ruihong Guo, Ph.D.  
Acting Deputy Administrator  
National Organic Program

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