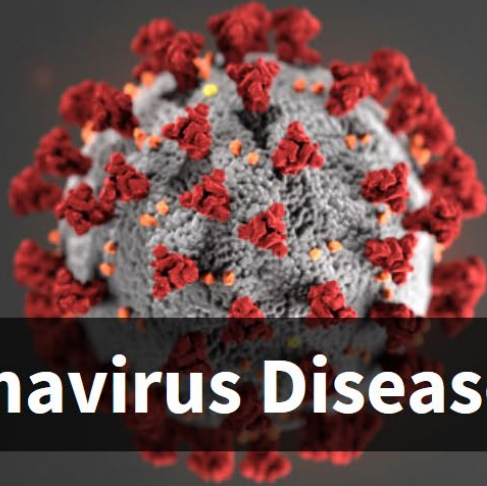


National Organic Program Update for the National Organic Standards Board Meeting Spring 2020 – Part 2

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Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)



COVID-19 Federal Rural Resource Guide

Department Updates: USDA Response

<https://www.usda.gov/coronavirus>

NOP Update in Organic Integrity Learning Center



Strong Organic Control Systems

- Rulemaking
- Training
- Certifier Oversight

Farm to Market Traceability

- Equivalency Arrangements
- Organic Import Certificates
- Inter-Agency Organic Working Group

Robust Enforcement

- Mid-Year Review
- High-Profile Enforcement
- Dairy Compliance Project
- Imports: Quantitative Methods

Community Engagement

- Call for NOSB Nominations
- Conference Update
- Online Complaint Form

Organization Updates

- ANSI Peer Review
- NOP Organization Updates

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Include: First Name, Last Name, Organization, Email

Organic Control Systems Continue to Operate



The public-private partnership of organic certification is resilient and robust

National
Organic
Program

Certifiers

Community

The USDA organic regulations drive compliance!

Strengthening Organic Enforcement

- NOP has responded to Office Management and Budget (OMB) questions.
- We will publish the rule and open public comment once OMB clears the rule.
- We need your input – please submit a comment!

Origin of Livestock

- Draft of final rule is complete.
- Final rule is moving through “clearance” process.
- Following USDA review, final rule will go to OMB for final review.

Electronic Organic Import Certificates

- Electronic version of NOP Import Certificate released in Customs and Border Protection's import shipment filing system.
- Optional for now – proposed as required in Strengthening Organic Enforcement rule.
- Allows NOP to access data from Import Certificates and build analytical tools.
- U.S. importers who wish to request the NOP Import Certificate from exporters and include in their import filings may do so at any time.

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NOP IMPORT CERTIFICATE

1. CERTIFIED TO PG24

2. CITY AND STATE OF PRODUCT DESTINATION
ENTRY HEADER – Port of Entry Name

3. DATE

4. VIDS

5. EXPORTED BY (NAME AND ADDRESS)
PG19, PG20, PG21
Role Code: EX

6. RECIPENT IN THE U.S.
PG19, PG20, PG21
Role Code: ORP

7. HANDLER
PG20, PG21
Role Code: ORC

8. LINE
PG25, PG27

16. REMARKS AND ATTESTATIONS
PG24

17. SIGNATURE OF CERTIFYING BODY PG22

18. DATE PG14

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NOSB Call for Nominations - OPEN



- **Submission Deadline:** June 1, 2020
- USDA seeks to fill five vacancies:
 - Two (2) individuals who own or operate an organic farming operation, or employees of such individuals
 - Two (2) individuals who represent public interest or consumer interest groups
 - One (1) individual who is a USDA-accredited certifying agent
- **How to Apply:** <https://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/organic/nosb/nomination-process>

Expanded NOP Organization

