



WILD HARVESTED PRODUCTS CERTIFICATION ADDITIONAL REQUIRED CRITERIA

Scope:

Products produced naturally in the wild may be certified organic if in compliance with NASAA Standards 5.3 and the additional requirements listed in this document.

Products which may be certified organic that are produced naturally and harvested from the wild (or a site that is not maintained under cultivation or other agricultural management). It includes products from wild plants and other plant like life forms (eg mushrooms, herbs, berries, etc). Wild harvest certification does not cover rare and endangered species. Fishing and hunting of migratory or wild animals is not covered by certification at this time.

Crops harvested must be identified by genus, species and regular common names(s) in the application and in the Organic Management System plan and verified by inspection.

These Criteria are applicable under the following programs: NASAA IFOAM and AQIS, NOP, EU, Canada Organic Regime.

Required Criteria for Wild Harvest Operations

The following criteria will also be assessed through inspection and documentation review in the normal initial and renewal certification process. Operators must demonstrate compliance with these factors. This document must be referred to in conjunction with NASAA Organic Standard section 5.3 Wild Harvested Products.

1. The operator (to be certified), as the responsible party, must issue a contract/instructions to the collectors and any local agents (middlemen*), that covers the following:
 - a. defines the area of collection; and
 - b. informs them about the applicable standards;
 - c. informs them about all other requirements for certification applicable to the certified/applicant operation including environmental management requirements.
2. The collectors must sign contracts/statements that they have understood and followed the instructions (a copy of the statement must be supplied with certification application).
3. The certified/applicant operator must keep records of all collectors (the list of all authorised collectors to be supplied with the application).
4. Detailed records must be kept of quantities bought or otherwise received from each collector.
5. Any middlemen* shall be under contract to the operator (copies to be supplied at application).
6. The area of production and harvest shall be properly identified on appropriate maps, and shall be large and distinct enough to reduce the risk of commingling with non-certified production.
7. Inspection of the harvest area prior to harvest is required to ensure that crops are being sustainably harvested (NOP).
8. Interviews with the operator, collectors and middlemen &/or handlers within the chain of custody will be required to verify that practices employed during and post harvest correspond to those documented in the Organic Management System Plan.



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***Middlemen** refers to agents or tribal authorities who may act as initial collection or storage points.