



Taiwan: Certification requirements for organic meat, meat products and processed meat products (2017-01)

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Attention:

Industries—Industry bodies – OISCC, Organic Certifying Bodies

Export establishments including:

- Organic Meat
- Organic Poultry

Licensed exporters

Department of Agriculture and Water Resources—Central and Regional offices

Purpose

To notify organic certifiers of new certification requirements for organic meat, meat products and processed meat products exported to Taiwan. Processed meat products include products such as chicken broth, beef broth and sausage.

This notice does not apply to animal products such as milk, cheese and egg.

Change to organic certification requirements—effective 1 September 2017

Taiwan's Council of Agriculture (COA) has advised that organic certifying bodies must provide additional attestations for organic meat, meat products and processed meat products exported to Taiwan.

The attestations are to be provided on a certificate or document issued by the organic certifying body; this certificate or document is separate to the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources' Organic Produce Certificate (OPC). The certificate or document must accompany the OPC.

The OPC number must be provided on the accompanying certificate or document to allow COA officials to cross-reference the OPC and the organic certificate or document.

Certifying bodies must keep a copy of the accompanying certificate or document for their records.

The attestation to be provided on the accompanying certificate or document is as follows.

“Australian origin organic agricultural products and organic processed products were produced or processed in accordance with the National Standard for Organic and Bio-Dynamic Produce. Australian origin organic livestock for meat products exported to Taiwan were managed without the use of chemically synthesised allopathic veterinary medical products.”

The requirements listed in this MAA must be in use for all organic meat, meat products and processed meat products exported to Taiwan by 1 September 2017.

This MAA has been prepared in consultation with industry.

The information provided in this advice is current at the time of writing and is intended for use as guidance only and should not be taken as definitive or exhaustive. The Commonwealth endeavours to keep information current and accurate, however, it may be subject to change without notice. Exporters are encouraged to verify these details with their importers prior to undertaking production/exports. The Commonwealth will not accept liability for any loss resulting from reliance on information contained in this notice.

Further information

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