

GENERAL GUIDANCE FOR TRANSACTION CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS

Reminder: Time Frames and Important Points

Destination: The European Union (EU) - United Kingdom



UK



All exports to the European Community require a Certificate of Inspection (COI), which must be issued through the TRACES NT platform according to REGULATION (EC) 1235/2008 - Art. 13(2). For countries affected by BREXIT: UNITED KINGDOM (England, Scotland and Wales), use the GB-COI template. Both certificates must be issued and signed before the goods leave the country of export. Hence, it is crucial that applications for COIs / GB-COIs are made well in advance, with enough time for us to check documentation, that is, **at least 72 business hours prior to the estimated date of departure (ETD) from the origin/exporting country**. The Importer must be registered into the TRACES NT platform. **LETIS cannot guarantee that the document will be accepted by the local competent authority when it has been issued after the deadline requested by the regulation.**

Destination: United States - Canada



USDA
CAN



It requires operators that are involved in exporting organic products to be certified under USDA Organic Regulation, 7CFR part 205 for direct sales to the US, and under the USCOEA (US-Canada Organic Equivalence Agreement) standard for sales to Canada. To export to the US, the NOP Import Certificates will be issued through the OID system and must be signed before the shipment is planned to leave the country of export. Therefore, operators must request the NOP IC 72 business hours prior to the estimated date of departure (ETD) from the origin country. Both the importer and exporter must be registered into the OID system. **LETIS cannot guarantee that the document will be accepted by the local competent authority when it has been issued after the deadline requested by the regulation.**

Destination: Rest of the World



It requires operators involved in domestic or exporting sales must be in compliance with any organic standard granted by LETIS in third countries as well as with LETIS procedures. For exports to countries with their own organic standards, such as: South Korea, China, Australia and New Zealand, among others, you must first check with us by sending an email to tc.international@letisinternational.org to determine whether the destination country is a feasible possibility.

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In order to maintain **an efficient and clear traceability**, the operator must submit the annual harvest and processing sheets. They must also report when they sell organic goods in the conventional market as well as domestic market.



Regarding the commercial and transport documents required to support the sale of organic products, the **organic status** of the shipment must be clearly identified. If certified under NOP and/ or NOP/USCOEA only, it must be declared '**NOP Organic**'. Required documents are:

Commercial documents: invoice, proforma , receipt, delivery note.

Transport documents: MIC/DTA (International Cargo Manifest / Customs Transit Declaration); CRT (Road Consignment Note); Bill of Lading (maritime freight); AWB (air waybill).

Important: All documents need to be **connectable** and indicate the **organic** status of the product.



When an operator outsources a service, such as, fruit packaging or wine production at a winery, it must be clarified this arrangement. As of result, a non-commercial transaction certificate of goods movement will be issued to maintain traceability. The master certificate of recognized standards from the outsourced operator must also be provided. If purchasing goods from a third party, the operator must submit the transaction certificate for the purchase along with the master certificate of certified standards from the seller.

Important: When acquiring services or products from a third party, they must have the same standard as the operator to ensure the proper custody chain of the product.