



TELANGANA STATE ORGANIC CERTIFICATION AUTHORITY

HACA Bhavan, Opp. Public Gardens, Saifabad, Hyderabad - 500 004

CERTIFICATION CONTRACT

Between TSOCA and Operator

Telangana State Organic Certification Authority H.No. 5-10-193, 1st Floor, HACA Bhavan Opp. Public Gardens, Hyderabad - 500004 Telangana State, India	
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I as Operator I will:

1. Permit and make arrangements for on-site inspections with complete access to the production or handling operation, including non-certified production and handling areas, structures and offices and personnel.
2. Maintain required documents to prove that the requirements of the certification programme are fulfilled.
3. Make available to the TSOCA or the representative of the competitive authority the records to check for compliance to the certification requirements.
4. Make necessary arrangements for resolution of complaints against the certified operation or produce.
5. Make claims regarding certification only in the respect of scope for which certification is granted.
6. Not use its certification to bring disrepute to the TSOCA.
7. Not make statement which is misleading or unauthorized.
8. Discontinue the use of all advertising matter that mentions certification upon suspension or cancellation of certification.
9. Return any certification document as required by the TSOCA on suspension or cancellation.
10. Uses certification only to indicate that products are certified as being in conformity with specified standards.
11. Endeavors to ensure that no certificate or report nor any part there of is used in a misleading manner.
12. Complies with the TSOCA requirements in making reference to its certification in communication media.
13. Notify the certification programme of any changes.
14. Have written agreements for all parties involved in the chain of production of a certified products with clear responsibilities.
15. Always comply with the rules and regulations of TSOCA with regards to certification of organic products.
16. Buffer zone will be maintained as per the requirements of NPOP
17. Use organic seed for sowing, if not, only "untreated seed" will be used after getting approval from TSOCA.
18. Shall not use chemical fertilizers and pesticides at any cost and use only 'organic inputs' in farming.
19. Take required measures to avoid contamination by soil erosion, drift and commingling etc, during organic production.
20. Agree to use only cleaned tools and equipments in organic production to avoid contamination.
21. Accept for sampling by TSOCA at any stage of production / processing or any product to test for residual effect and contaminations during the crop production / processing or for heavy metals etc., or when ever required by law. The cost of sample analysis will be born by us.
22. Agree to harvest, thresh and process organic products separately to avoid physical and mechanical admixture with non-organic products/conventional products.
23. Take utmost care during transport to avoid contamination and commingling with conventional products/Non organic products.
24. Use "Restricted" substances after taking permission from TSOCA.
25. Keep all the organic products separately and labeled neatly as per standards duly accounting the labels.
26. Use only permitted substances (as per NPOP) in the course of production and will never use the prohibited substances.

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27. Agree to pay total inspection and certification charges along with application form.
28. Agree to be sanctioned according to the TSOCA scale of sanctions if any non compliance is found during Inspection and if the non-compliance is not corrected within the stipulated time.
29. Inform to TSOCA immediately, if any major change in the organic farming system or processing/trading occur (eg: disposal or purchase of land or change in cropping pattern). I agree not to release any products resulting from these changes until TSOCA has notified accordingly.
30. Aware of National organic standards under NPOP, organic principles and farming practices.
31. Inform to TSOCA in case I/we voluntarily withdraw from certification and return the certificate
32. Extend full co-operation during inspection to our sites by TSOCA officials.

II TSOCA as Certification Body: will

1. Carry out the inspection in a timely manner (normally within one month after having received the application and the prepayment).
2. Inform the operator in a timely manner (normally not longer than one month) about the results of the inspection
3. Send the certificate to the operator if all the requirements of certification are fulfilled
or
4. Inform the operator about the requirements that have yet to be fulfilled before the certificate can be issued. This time frame begins with the submission of all necessary information and documents as well as the payment of dues if any.
5. Inform the operator in a timely manner about all relevant modifications of standards or of TSOCA's procedures and policies.
6. React immediately and adequately on any complaint by the client, according to the procedures established by the respective standard and/or by the TSOCA quality manual
7. Maintain confidentiality of all the business information about the operators excluding the information that is required to be provided to govt.
8. Not guarantee a market for the products certified
9. Have no liability for product quality.
10. Not liable for any consequential harm caused by errors in the analyses of the laboratories contracted by us.

This contract is signed on this _____ day of _____ year _____ by

Name & Signature of the Operator

For TSOCA, Hyderabad

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