

New NOP regulation (SOE): the new electronic certificates and the impact on companies

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On March 19, 2024, the new USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) regulation will come into force with the aim of strengthening the control system for organic productions (SOE).

The new government provisions aim to **protect the integrity of the organic supply chain and increase consumer and market confidence** in organic products bearing the NOP/USDA certification mark, strengthening the control system, improving product traceability, starting from the farm to the distribution.

The obligations required by the new legislation will certainly have a significant **impact on organic operators who market their product in the United States**.

Similarly to what the EU regulation has provided for many years, the NOP system also **introduces the obligation to subject operators who market, export, or import organic products to the United States to the control and certification system**.

An **important innovation** that also involves operators who market products sold with the EU/NOP equivalence agreement, and NOP certified products is represented by the introduction of **electronic NOP import certificates** for all organic products imported into the United States starting from March 19, 2024.

The NOP import certificate is an electronic document required for all organic products imported into the United States which, in addition to certifying compliance with organic regulations, contributes to guarantee the traceability and security of transactions. Importers must ensure they have the NOP import certificate for their organic imports. Exporters must provide US importers with the information necessary for issuing the certificate which will then be entered into the CBP import system (customs service entrusted to the Customs Service and Border Protection).

Knowledge of the rules and mechanisms that regulate the issuing of the NOP import certificate is fundamental for operators involved in exporting organic products.

This Webinar aims to clarify the requirements and control process to companies, consultants, and all those involved in the control and certification process.

PROGRAMME

- **Welcome and presentation of the webinar**
Alessandro Pulga, Client & Sales Manager Bioagricert
- **“Strengthening Organic Enforcement” (SOE): the new measures to strengthen the organic production certification system (SOE)**
Amalia Rueda - Technical Manager Bioagricert, International Activities
- **The new electronic NOP import certificates**
- *Laura Muratori - Technical Manager Bioagricert, Processing and Import/Export activities*
- Q&A

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