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Canada-Japan Equivalence Arrangement Acknowledgment

On September 16, 2014 Canada and Japan announced a bilateral organic equivalence arrangement, effective January 1st, 2015. Please confirm that you agree to abide by the terms of this Arrangement, which are:

- COR organic certified plants and plant based processed products containing at least 95% organic content that are produced within Canada, or have their final processing or packaging occur in Canada may be exported to Japan with no critical variances
- The COR certified products exported to Japan must meet all Japanese organic labeling requirements including the use of the JAS (Japanese Agricultural Standard) organic seal.
- The seal of the importing country only may appear on the labels of products exported to Japan (e.g. – JAS logo allowed for COR products marketed in Japan). No COR logo shall appear on the export product labels to avoid Japanese consumer confusion.
- The JAS seal may either be applied by the COR certified Canadian operator under a consignment contract with a certified JAS importer, or alternatively the COR certified Canadian operator may work with a JAS certified importer who will import the product and apply the JAS seal upon arrival in Japan.
- A Japan Import Certificate form is required to ship COR certified plants and plant based processed products to Japan under the Arrangement.
- Products outside the scope of JAS (e.g., meat, dairy, honey, textiles, alcohol) may still be sent to Japan. However, products outside the scope of JAS must be COR certified and comply with the CFIA organic regulations, including labeling requirements for the use of the COR organic seal.
- A Japan Import Certificate is not required for products outside the scope of JAS (with the exception of alcohol which does require a Japan Import Certificate).
- While COR certified products outside the scope of JAS may be sold as organic in Japan; they may not bear the JAS seal.
- JAS label compliance is the responsibility of the JAS certified importer and their certification body.
- Your importer in Japan may need documentation that indicates the destination of the product in Japan, which the Japan Import Certificate does not contain. In this case, please complete the QAI Transaction Certificate and check “COR” (not JAS) as the compliance. Separate processing fees for this document apply.

By signing this document, you are confirming that you are an authorized representative for your company and also confirming that you understand and agree to abide by the Equivalence Arrangement Terms outlined above.

Print Name

Signature

Date

Company Name

Company Address

Lot Number(s)

Shipping Mark(s)

Please list products to be exported

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