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CERTIFICATION AND COMPLIANCE PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Global Organic Alliance (GOA) provides services to various organic certification or compliance verification programs. Selecting programs that an operation is not eligible for will result in the delay or denial of certification. It is important to discuss your certification needs with your buyers to ensure your product will be certified to or verified to be in compliance with the applicable program(s). Note: Additional fees may apply. For more information contact the GOA office. A brief description of the certification and compliance programs offered follows.

Program	Type	Description
National Organic Program (NOP)	Certification	Program authorized by the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990, as amended (7 U.S.C. 6501 et seq.) for implementing its provisions. Certifying agents must be accredited by the USDA to provide certification services. Operations are required to be certified to the NOP by an accredited certifier before products may be sold, labeled, or represented as organic in the United States. Recognition of NOP certification is dependent upon the import requirements for organic products of the importing country.
US-Canada Equivalency	Compliance	Program to permit NOP certified product entry into Canada provided the product is grown in compliance with terms of the Equivalence Agreement. Canadian Equivalence – US crops may not be grown with Chilean/sodium nitrate or using hydroponic or aeroponic methods. US livestock products must be produced in compliance with the stocking rates set out in CAN/CGSB-32.210. May display the Canadian organic logo as well as the USDA organic seal. No 100% organic claims.
Taiwan Export Arrangement	Compliance	Program to permit NOP certified product entry into Taiwan provided they are in compliance with the terms of the arrangement. For agricultural and processed products: "Organic agricultural products and organic processed products, accompanied by this certificate, were produced or processed using zero prohibited substances." (TM-11 statement) For livestock and meat products: "Organic livestock products, accompanied by this certificate, were managed and produced without the use of systemic pain killers or analgesics, including the use of Lidocaine or Procaine." (TM-11 statement)