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Directive 10-02:

Scope of the Organic Products Regulations and use of the Canada Organic Logo

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1.0 Purpose and Scope

To clarify the scope of the Organic Products Regulations and the application of the Canada Organic logo.

2.0 Authority

The Directive was developed respecting the regulatory requirements as per the Organic Products Regulations (2009).

3.0 Application

This directive applies to all [CFIA](#) accredited Certification Bodies.

4.0 Background

The [OPR](#) covers food and drink intended for human consumption and food intended to feed livestock, including agricultural crops used for those purposes, and also the cultivation of plants.

Neither aquaculture nor fertilizer products are subject to the [OPR](#) 2009. Under the authority of Canadian Agricultural Products Act, aquaculture products are not considered to be agricultural products and do not have a technical standard within the [CGSB](#) 310 Standard. Fertilizer products also do not have a technical standard within the [CGSB](#) 310 Standard.

Other commodities such as cosmetics, pet food, and natural health products are excluded from the scope of application of the [OPR](#) 2009. Although they are included in the [CGSB](#) 310 Standard, these products do not fall within the mandate of the Agency.

Products that are excluded from the scope can not be certified under the Canada Organic Regime and cannot bear the Canada Organic logo.

Only products that meet the Canada Organic standard requirements, are certified by a [CFIA](#) accredited Certification Body and contain at least 95% organic content may be labelled as organic and bear the Canada Organic Logo.

5.0 Roles and Responsibilities

The [CFIA](#) designated Conformity Verification Bodies will be responsible for communicating this directive with the [CFIA](#) accredited [CBs](#). [CFIA](#) designated [CVBs](#) will be responsible for monitoring the accreditation activities of the [CFIA](#) accredited [CBs](#). The [CBs](#) must apply this directive without further interpretation.

6.0 Inquiries

Inquiries concerning this directive should be addressed to the [Canada Organic Office](#).

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