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Clarification of C.2.7.2 - Elements of the Organic Certificate

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To: Conformity Verification Bodies (CVB) designated by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and Certification Bodies (CB) accredited by the [CFIA \(Canadian Food Inspection Agency\)](#)


Subject: Elements required on organic product certificates

Sections 13 and 15 of the *Organic Product Regulations* require that [CBs \(Certification Bodies\)](#) issue to the applicant documents confirming the organic certification of the product. There are two types of documents that can be issued: Organic Product Certification documents or Packaging and Labelling Certification documents. In accordance with the Canada Organic Office Operating Manual, the documents should contain the following information:

1. The name of the **certification body**
2. The name of the **holder** ¹ of the certificate or document
3. A list of the **certified products**, which shall be identified by their specific product name ² and any trademarks under which they are marketed
4. The **standards**, or other normative documents concerning, under which each product or product type is certified
5. The applicable **type of certification**
 - If for Producing/Processing
 - Crop Production
 - Grain Production
 - Livestock Production
 - Maple Production
 - Specialized Production ([e.g. \(for example\) bee-keeping](#))
 - Processing
 - If for Packaging and Labelling Certificates
 - Packaging and Labelling
6. The **date** on which the certification was granted
7. The **date** on which:
 - The operator shall submit an application for subsequent annual inspection
 - Only for Organic Product Certification documents
 - The certification document expires
 - Only for Packaging and Labelling Certification documents
8. The **location** ³ of all operations covered by this certification

Footnotes

- 1 The holder is the legal name of the person(s) or operation where the product is produced/processed/packaged/labelled. When applicable, the certificate or document should also include the name the holder does business as.
 - 2 Product names such as "Vegetables" are not acceptable as it is too broad. An appropriate name would be "Carrots".
 - 3 Location should identify the town, province and country as appropriate.
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