



## FICHE EXPORT

USA

### Export to the USA



2 possibilities to export to the USA



**Equivalence**

**Certification on the National Organic Program: the NOP**

### Equivalence




Equivalence agreement between the US and the EU :

Signed in June 2012 : <https://www.usda-eu.org/trade-with-the-eu/trade-agreements/us-eu-organic-arrangement/>  
Equivalence covers products grown/raised/processed in the EU or for which the last preparation takes place in the EU (processing or packaging).

Equivalence between the EU and the US is not complete. Animal aquaculture is not covered and certain criteria must be met for wine and other animal products.

#### Wine

Additional control coupled with the Bio EC control on the following points :

-  Compliance with the list of authorized substances listed in NOP Regulation §205.605\* ;
-  Compliance with total SO2 levels ;
-  Compliance with labelling rules.

\* You can consult the list of authorised substances :

- On Electronic Code of Federal Regulations : <http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/textdx?ID=6eec34fe218975c4ada29503bbff0318&node=7:3.1.1.9.32.7.354.6&rgn=div8>
- On OMRI Website (Organic Materials Review Institute) : <http://www.omri.org/omri-lists>

**Contact your auditor for more information**

## Equivalence (continued)

### Animal products (other than those from aquaculture)

Additional control coupled with the Bio EC control on the following points :

- 📍 Documentation system proving the non-treatment of animals with antibiotics throughout their lives.
- 📍 Supplier guarantees, traceability and separation measures

Issuance of a certificate of non-antibiotic treatment if the products comply with the requirements (to be provided at each transaction with the NOP IMPORT CERTIFICATE).

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### Labelling

Organic products for export to the USA must be labelled in accordance with equivalence agreements.

**Transaction certificate:** A NOP import certificate must be validated by Certisys for each transaction to the USA via My Certisys Model to be requested from [certification@certisys.eu](mailto:certification@certisys.eu) )

**Your contract with Certisys :** [certification@certisys.eu](mailto:certification@certisys.eu)

## Certification NOP (National Organic Program)

### When do I need NOP certification?

- 📍 My product is in transit through a Third Country that does not have an equivalence agreement with the USA.
- 📍 My product is not certified according to the BIO EU regulation (e.g. non-food processed product)



### Special features of NOP certification

Application for certification to the audit department : [info@certisys.eu](mailto:info@certisys.eu)

- 📍 An Organic System Plan (OSP) must be drawn up and validated by Certisys before the audit
- 📍 On average, it takes 3 months between the commitment to the NOP and the completion of the audit. Agricultural products must be inspected before the end of the harvest in order to qualify for NOP certification. No retroactivity possible.
- 📍 The whole chain must be controlled and certified (from producer to processor, except traders).

### Labelling

NOP certified products must be labelled in accordance with the NOP regulation and all labels must be validated by Ecocert. You must send your label via your Certisys auditor. We will forward your request to Ecocert.

**Transaction certificate:** No transaction certificate to be validated by Certisys unless specifically requested by the customer.

## The steps of NOP certification

### 1. Commitment

Contact Certisys  
[info@certisys.eu](mailto:info@certisys.eu) to  
receive the terms of  
engagement.

### 2. System map

Study and validation  
by Certisys.

### 3. Audit

On-site verification  
of requirements by  
Certisys.

### 4. Certification

Produced by Ecocert

### Your contact at Certisys :

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