

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION

Return to: RI DEM Division of Agriculture
Organic Certification Program
235 Promenade Street
Providence, RI 02908
Phone: (401) 222-2781

The undersigned hereby applies for certification to the Organic Certification Program, R. I. D.E.M.

Business Name, Mailing Address, and Primary Office Location (*if different*)

If applicant is a corporation, name, address, phone number of person authorized to act on applicant's behalf:

Telephone Number:

Telephone Number:

Fax Number:

Fax Number:

Email/Website:

Email/Website:

PLEASE INDICATE THE CATEGORIES FOR WHICH YOU ARE SEEKING CERTIFICATION

TRANSITIONAL

CROPS

WILD CROP

MUSHROOMS

HANDLING

LIVESTOCK

APIARY

BUSINESS STATUS (*Check one*)

INDIVIDUAL

FOR-PROFIT
BUSINESS

NOT FOR PROFIT
BUSINESS

OTHER (*SPECIFY*)

I (We) affirm that, to receive or maintain organic certification, I (we) will carry out the provisions of 7 CFR Part 205 including:

1. Complying with the Organic Foods Production Act and applicable State and Federal organic production and handling regulations;
2. Refraining from making false or misleading claims about my (our) certification status, the RI DEM certification program, or the nature or qualities of products labeled as organically produced;
3. Establishing, implementing and updating annually an organic production or handling system plan as provided for in § 205.200;
4. Permitting on-site inspections with complete access to the production or handling operation, including noncertified production and handling areas, structures and offices by the RI DEM as provided for in § 205.403;
5. Maintaining all records applicable to the organic operation for not less than 5 years beyond their creation and allowing authorized representatives of the Secretary, the applicable State organic program's governing State official, and the certifying agent access to such records during normal business hours for review and copying to determine compliance with the Act and the regulations in this part, as provided for in § 205.104;
6. Submitting the applicable fees charged by the RI DEM.
7. Complying with, implementing and carrying out any other terms and conditions determined by the Administrator to be necessary;
8. Holding the RI DEM harmless for any failure on my (our) part to carry out the provisions of the Act and 7 CFR Part 205;
9. Immediately notifying the certifying agent concerning any: (1) Application, including drift, of a prohibited substance to any field, production unit, site, facility, livestock or product that is part of an operation; and (2) Change in a certified operation or any portion of a certified operation that may affect its compliance with the Act and the regulations in this part.
10. Transferring to RI DEM all DEM-issued certified organic logo materials in the event that I (we) dissolve or lose my (our) certification. *Such transfer does not apply to a merger, sale or other transfer of ownership of a certified operation.*

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT OR REPRESENTATIVE

PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF SIGNEE

TITLE OF APPLICANT OR REPRESENTATIVE

DATE

PLEASE ATTACH:

1. An organic production or handling system plan, as required in 7 CFR § 205.200;
2. The name(s) of any organic certifying agent(s) to which application has previously been made; the year(s) of application; the outcome of the application(s) submission, including, when available, a copy of any notification of noncompliance or denial of certification issued to the applicant for certification; and a description of the actions taken by the applicant to correct the noncompliances noted in the notification of noncompliance, including evidence of such correction;
3. The application fee of \$50 (fifty dollars) payable to RI DEM.

FOR USE BY RI DEM

DATE OF RECEIPT

NAME OF RECIPIENT

SIGNATURE OF RECIPIENT

The applicant may withdraw its application at any time. Such withdrawal shall be made in writing to the RI DEM Division of Agriculture and Resource Marketing. An applicant that voluntarily withdrew its application prior to the issuance of a notice of noncompliance will not be issued a notice of noncompliance. Similarly, an applicant that voluntarily withdrew its application prior to the issuance of a notice of certification denial will not be issued a notice of certification denial.