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Section M. Product Composition and Ingredient Verification

☐ Not Applicable – Organic products are only handled and not processed

Tip! National Organic Standards requires certified operations to have a system in place to verify compliance of all incoming organic crops, products, ingredients, and direct contact substances. Records regarding all inputs must be available for review at an inspection.

1. Does your operation use non-organic ingredients or processing aids
   ☐ Yes ☐ No

   1a. If “No”, Go To Next Section

2. Describe how you will verify that all non-organic processing aids or ingredients have not been produced with genetically modified organisms (GMOs) or sewage sludge, that they have not been irradiated, and that they meet the requirements of any additional annotations as appropriate.

   2a. Indicate how often you will perform this verification.

   ☐ With each shipment ☐ Annually
   ☐ Monthly ☐ Other:
   ☐ Quarterly

   Tip! National Organic Standards identify a specific list of nonorganic agricultural ingredients that may be used in products labeled as organic if they are not commercially available in an organic form. Prior to the use of these materials a thorough search for organic forms must occur. This search must be documented and available for review.

3. Describe your system for documenting searches for organic ingredients or processing aids prior to use of a nonorganic version of those listed on the National List.
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3a. Indicate how often you will perform this verification.

☐ With each shipment  ☐ Annually
☐ Monthly  ☐ Other:
☐ Quarterly

4. Describe how you verify that salt added to your products does not contain prohibited flow or anti-caking agents

☐ Not Applicable. Go To Next Section

4a. Indicate how often you will perform this verification.

☐ With each shipment  ☐ Annually
☐ Monthly  ☐ Other:
☐ Quarterly

Tip! Use of a nonorganic processing aid or ingredient will result in restrictions on how the product can be labeled. Only those non-organic ingredients or processing aids that are specifically listed as allowed within the National Organic Standards (Section 205.605 and 205.606) are allowed for products labeled “organic.” Please refer to the Product Composition and Labeling section of the WSDA Guide to Organic Certification or contact our office with questions prior to the use of any nonorganic ingredient or processing aid.