



Off-Site Storage Facility Affirmation

NOFA-NY Certified Organic, LLC

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The USDA National Organic Program Standards (NOP) exclude operations from a mandatory certification inspection if they store organic products that are packaged or otherwise enclosed in a container prior to being received or acquired (see NOP § 205.10 1 (b)(1)). Organic products must remain in the same package or container and may not be repacked or re-labeled while in the control of the storage operation. If all requirements are met to safeguard the organic product from contacting or commingling with prohibited substances and if the Off-Site Storage Facility Affirmation is on file at the NOFA-NY Certified Organic, LLC office, NOFA-NY Certified Organic, LLC may waive the requirement for an annual inspection of the storage facility.

As specified in the National Organic Program Standards §205.400, NOFA-NY Certified Organic, LLC reserves the right to inspect any facility storing organic product owned by a NOFA-NY Certified Organic, LLC operation. If it is determined that the storage facility has misrepresented the information as indicated on this waiver or acts in a manner that may jeopardize the integrity of the organic product, the NOFA-NY Certified Organic, LLC office will notify the certified operation using the storage facility. They will be held responsible for correcting any noncompliance issues and may also be responsible for the cost of an inspection to the storage facility.

COMPLETE THIS AFFIRMATION FOR EACH OFF-SITE STORAGE FACILITY.

The following information must be filled out and signed by a manager or responsible representative of the storage facility. The NOFA-NY Certified Organic, LLC operation must submit the Off-Site Storage Facility Affirmation to the NOFA-NY Certified Organic, LLC office. Copies of the Affirmation must be retained by both the NOFA-NY Certified Organic, LLC operation and the storage facility.

Company Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Phone:(_____) _____ Fax:(_____) _____ Email: _____

1) Name of NOFA-NY Certified Organic, LLC operation that uses this facility:

2) What type of storage is applicable to the above noted operation:

Dry Cold Freezer Other _____

3) Who is responsible for transportation of organic products to and from the facility:

Owner of product Storage facility staff, explain how risk of contamination/commingling is avoided, if applicable: _____

4) Please review each statement below and answer by checking Yes, No, or N/A (not applicable to your operation):

Yes No N/A

Does the NOFA-NY Certified Organic, LLC operation retain ownership of the organic product?

Is the organic product packaged or enclosed in a container prior to being received or acquired?

Yes No N/A

- Does the storage facility process the organic product (including sorting, culling, hydro vacuuming, etc.) or add any substances to the organic product, including water?
- Does the storage facility label or re-label the organic product?
- Is the product labeled as “organic” and does accompanying paperwork indicate that the product is “organic”?
- Is there a designated organic storage area?
- Does the operation implement measures necessary to protect the organic product from contacting prohibited substances, including pesticides?
- If pesticide fogging is performed in areas where organic products are stored, are the organic products removed prior to application or otherwise protected from contacting pesticides and is this documented with written records? If no, please explain: _____

- Does your facility manage tracking of products in storage for the NOFA-NY Certified Organic, LLC operation? If yes, briefly explain how: _____

I affirm that all statement made on this document are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Print Name: _____

Title _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____