

Organic Food Standard Fact Sheet

Production Process

The Codex Alimentarius Commission defines “Organic” as a labelling term that denotes products produced in accordance with organic production standards, which aims at achieving optimal agroecosystems which are socially, ecologically and economically sustainable, and certified by a duly constituted certification body or authority¹. While certification bodies and authorities around the world all have their unique set of production standards, some key principles are established across all:

Key principles of organic production standards²⁻⁵

Agriculture

- Farmland should undergo a defined conversion period before the harvest of an organic crop
- Soil fertility and biological activity should be preserved or increased by environmental-friendly practices such as crop rotation, legume nitrogen-fixing plant cultivation
- The use of synthetic fertilisers and pesticides should be avoided



Livestock

- Organic animals should be fed with organic feeds
- The use of growth promoters and synthetic amino acids are prohibited
- The use of antibiotics should be restricted to only when necessary for disease management

Processing and Handling

- Products labeled as organic should have at least 95% certified organic content
- The use of genetic engineering, hormones and ionizing irradiation should be prohibited
- The use of additives and processing aids should be limited to those in the approved lists

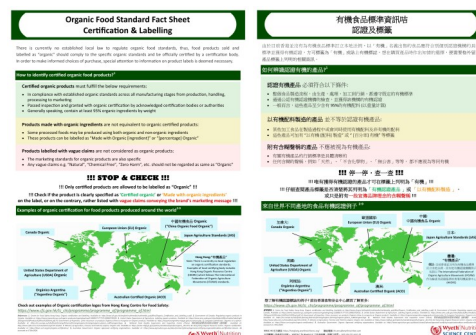


!!! STOP & CHECK !!!

Only certified products are allowed to be labelled as “Organic”!

Check if the product clearly specifies as ‘**Certified organic**’ or ‘**Made with organic ingredients**’ on the label, or instead, does it list **vague claims conveying the brand’s marketing message?**

How to identify organic certified products?



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有機食品標準資訊咭 生產過程

國際食品法典委員會 (The Codex Alimentarius Commission) 定義「有機」為標籤術語，專用於生產過程以實踐在社會、生態及經濟層面上可持續發展的農業生態系統為宗旨，並獲得有機認證機構認證的食品¹。世界各地的有機認證機構均有其獨立的有機生產標準，然而大致涵蓋幾個主要守則：

有機生產標準的主要守則²⁻⁵

農業

- 農地必須經過特定的轉換期後才可用於有機耕作
- 採用適當的耕種措施以維持及提高土壤豐沃度，例如：輪種、種植豆莢科植物及固氮 (nitrogen-fixing) 植物等等
- 避免使用化學肥料及農藥



牧畜

- 以有機飼料餵飼有機畜禽
- 嚴禁使用生長促進劑及人造胺基酸
- 僅限於必要時才使用抗生素治療疾病

加工及處理

- 標籤為「有機」的食品應至少含有 95% 的有機配料
- 嚴禁使用基因改造技術、激素及離子輻射
- 僅使用指定許可的食品添加劑及加工助劑



!!! 停一停，查一查 !!!

唯有獲得有機認證的產品才可在標籤上列明為「有機」！

仔細查閱產品標籤是否清楚將其列明為
「**有機認證產品**」或「**以有機配料製造**」，
或只是附有一些**宣傳品牌理念的含糊聲稱**！

如何辨識有機認證產品？



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話你知：



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