

190C.2B Establishment and implementation of this chapter.

1. The department shall implement and administer the provisions of this chapter for agricultural products that have been produced and handled within this state using organic methods as provided in this chapter. The department may consult with the council in implementing and administering this chapter. The department may certify agricultural products that have been produced and handled outside this state using an organic method as provided in this chapter.

2. The department may establish a state organic program as provided in 7 U.S.C. § 6501 et seq. and 7 C.F.R. pt. 205. The secretary may apply for any approval or accreditation or execute any agreement required under the national organic program in order to implement, administer, and enforce this chapter.

3. Unless prohibited by the national organic program, the attorney general may be joined as a party authorized to enforce the provisions of this chapter.

4. All provisions of this chapter shall be deemed in compliance with the national organic program, unless expressly provided otherwise by the United States department of agriculture.

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