

21—47.6(190C) General requirements. In order to receive and maintain organic certification from the department, producers, processors and handlers of organic agricultural products shall apply for organic certification with the department and submit all required materials; comply with Iowa Code chapter 190C and this chapter; permit the department to access the operation and all applicable records as deemed necessary; comply with all local, state and federal regulations applicable to the conduct of such business; and submit all applicable fees to the department pursuant to Iowa Code section 190C.5(1) and this chapter.

47.6(1) Application for organic certification.

a. Application for certification shall be completed and submitted with required application materials and fees to the department on forms furnished by the department. Applications submitted to the department after the published deadline date may be charged late fees for application and inspection, and the processing of such applications may be subject to delays or the applications may not be processed at all.

b. The applicant shall inform the department of changes to the organic plan which may affect the conformity of the operation to the certification standards at any time during the certification process and after such certification is granted.

c. The certified party shall inform the department of any changes in the organic plan, such as production changes or intended modification to the product(s) or manufacturing process which may affect the conformity of the operation to the certification standards.

d. The certified party shall keep a record of all complaints made known to that party relating to a product's compliance with requirements to the relevant standard and shall make these records available to the department upon request. The certified party shall take appropriate action with respect to such complaints and any deficiencies found in products or services that affect compliance with the requirements for certification, and all such actions shall be documented and available upon request by the department.

47.6(2) Reserved.

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