
	<b>GENERAL DOCUMENT</b>
	<b>INSPECTION STANDARD OF THE NATIONAL SYSTEM OF CERTIFICATION OF ORGANIC AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS</b>

<b>STANDARD TO INSPECT:</b>	<p>Law No. 20,089 creates the National System of Certification of organic agricultural products.</p> <p>S.D. No. 03/2016 or operational regulation and S.D. No. 02/2016 or technical regulation and its amendments.</p>
<b>SCOPE OF THE INSPECTION:</b>	<p>The scope of the inspection is defined as the total number of establishments registered in the Organic Certification Registration Information System (SIRECO, from its Spanish acronym), according to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offices of Certification Bodies (OC, from its Spanish acronym) and Organic Farmers' Organisations (OAE, from its Spanish acronym)</li> <li>• Establishments of organic producers and processors certified by OCs and OAEs</li> <li>• Establishments of exporters and importers that require certification by OCs, according to the national regulation</li> <li>• National trade establishments of organic products registered by the SAG</li> </ul> <p>Information of the regional scope of establishments considered for programming will be determined no later than 31<sup>st</sup> August each year, which will be sent by the Organic Agriculture Department to the SAG Regional Directorates.</p>
<b>% OF THE SCOPE TO BE INSPECTED:</b>	<p>OC and OAE headquarters, 100%.</p> <p>In the case of establishments of organic operators (producers, processors, and traders), the percentage of programmable inspections will be determined regionally, based on budget availability and staff working days. It must be considered that the total number of inspections to be programmed must not be less than those scheduled in the previous season.</p>

REGULARITY OR FREQUENCY OF INSPECTIONS:	<p>OC and OAE headquarters, at least one inspection per year.</p> <p>Establishments of operators according to the scope, regional programming, and guiding criteria for sample selection to be monitored.</p>
SUPPORT OR JUSTIFICATION FOR THE SAMPLE	<p>Since there is no legal obligation to monitor 100% of the establishment of operators, the commitment is to carry out what is programmed by each region according to the budget in force, having present that the figure does not fall below that of the previous year. In the case of OC and OAE headquarters, an inspection must be conducted once a year due to regulatory requirements.</p>

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<p><b>GUIDING CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF THE SAMPLE TO BE INSPECTED:</b></p>	<p>The criteria to define the sample will be considered in the following order of importance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.- Establishments of operators that have never been monitored before (unknown scope)</li> <li>2.- Establishments with observations or Notice of Violation and Summons raised by the Agricultural and Livestock Service in previous inspections</li> <li>3.- Alerts from SIRECO, raised due to non-compliance with regulations</li> <li>4.- Level of risk indicated by certification entities</li> <li>5.- Once the sample to be monitored is defined, the following must be considered: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) There must be coherence between the types of establishments in the regional scope and the number of establishments to be inspected. For example, if the largest number of regional scope corresponds to establishments of producers, the largest number of inspections must be scheduled for controlling this instance.</li> <li>b) In the case of producers, prioritise inspections at harvest time and when inputs are being applied.</li> <li>c) In the case of processors, prioritise the period of highest activity in the process.</li> <li>d) In the case of traders, the supply of organic products must be verified.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
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