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Attention Organic Producers and Handlers Making a “100% Organic” Claim on Products

The NOP has confirmed that the use of approved food contact substances in or on products making a 100% Organic claim is not compliant with the NOP Regulation. Packaging aids, and sanitizers such as nitrogen gas, carbon dioxide, ozone, hydrogen peroxide, chlorine, and peracetic acid are only allowed for use on products making an “organic” or “made with organic (specific ingredients or food groups)” claim.

If you are using any of the above substances in direct contact with organic products during post-harvest handling, including cleaning/sanitizing/disinfection, or packaging of products making a 100% Organic claim, you have two options that will bring your operation into compliance:

- 1). You may discontinue the use of these materials; or,**
- 2). You may re-label your products as “organic”.**

QAI will allow a label change to occur within 18 months or at the next print run of labels, whichever happens first.

We apologize for the inconvenience. Please contact your Account Coordinator if you have any questions.