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## US-Japan Equivalence Arrangement Acknowledgment

On September 26, 2013 the United States and Japan announced a bilateral organic equivalence arrangement, effective January 1st, 2014.

Please confirm that you agree to abide by the terms of this Arrangement, which are:

- NOP organic certified plants and plant based processed products containing at least 95% organic content that are produced within the US, or have their final processing or packaging occur in the US may be exported to Japan with no critical variances
- The NOP certified products exported to Japan must meet all Japanese organic labeling requirements including the use of the JAS (Japanese Agricultural Standard) organic seal.
- The JAS seal may either be applied by the NOP certified US operator under a consignment contract with a certified JAS importer, or alternatively the NOP certified US operator may work with a JAS certified importer who will import the product and apply the JAS seal upon arrival in Japan.
- A TM-11 form is required to ship NOP certified plants and plant based processed products to Japan under the Arrangement.
- Products outside the scope of JAS (e.g., meat, dairy, honey, textiles, alcohol) may still be sent to Japan.
- Products outside the scope of JAS must be NOP certified and comply with the USDA organic regulations, including labeling requirements for the use of the USDA organic seal.
- An export certificate (TM-11) is not required for products outside the scope of JAS (with the exception of alcohol which does require a TM-11).
- While NOP certified products outside the scope of JAS may be sold as organic in Japan; they may not bear the JAS seal.
- The NOP certified product may display the USDA organic seal if it is compliant with USDA organic labeling requirements.
- JAS label compliance is the responsibility of the JAS certified importer and their certification body.

By signing this document, you are confirming that you are an authorized representative for your company and also confirming that you understand and agree to abide by the Equivalence Arrangement Terms outlined above.

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Print Name	Signature	Date
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Company Name	Company Address
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Lot Number(s)	Shipping Mark(s)
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Please list products to be exported