

LCBO

Organic Products Importation for Specialty Services

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1. Canada Organic Regime Import Requirements:

The *Safe Food for Canadians Regulations* requires anyone who imports organic products to be able to present a valid organic certificate when requested at any time, including at the time of import. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) announced plans to evolve the import requirements for organic food products by requiring importers to:

- 1) declare organic products using new other government department (OGD) codes that will differentiate organic products from conventional products, and
- 2) confirm possession of the organic product certificate at the time of import.

2. Impact to the LCBO and its Clients:

To meet the requirements described above, the LCBO is enhancing its listing process to identify and validate organic product applications prior to shipping. This process change will facilitate a quicker turnaround for validation of organic products in the lab by minimizing delays for missing certificates or incomplete submissions.

This process update will be phased in two stages:

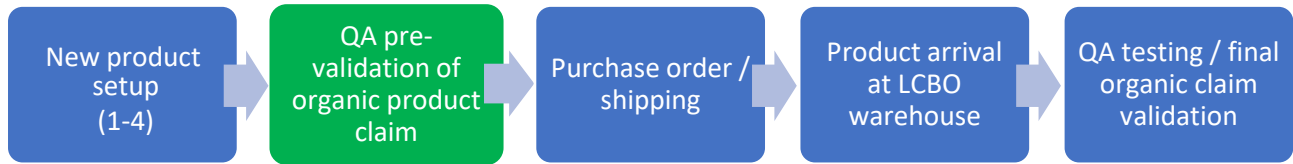
Rollout 1: Specialty Services – changes effective immediately

Rollout 2: LCBO portfolio – timing to be confirmed at a later date

3. Scope of changes for Specialty Services Products:

Effective immediately, all Specialty Services Agents will be asked to submit the following documents at the time of Organic product setup and any other time upon request, as per the flow below:

- [*Updated*] Quote letter with a new field to identify Organic products
- [*New*] Organic Declaration Attestation form (LCB 1455)
- Organic certificate issued by an accredited Certification Body
- Label artwork (if available at the time of submission)



1. Updated Quote letter
2. Attestation form
3. Organic certificate
4. Label artwork (if available)

Your B2B Representatives will guide you through the updated process steps.

4. Additional resources:

More information and guidelines on organic claims and labelling can be found on the following resources:

[LCBO Simplified Organic Labelling and Certificate Guidelines](#)

[LCBO Simplified Labelling Guidelines](#)

[Canada Organic Regime import requirements - Canadian Food Inspection Agency](#)

[CFIA flow chart for organic product validation](#)