

Hong Kong Organic Resource Centre Certification Ltd
Updates of Policy Manual 2019

1. New policy

Section	Content
3.1.15 Synthetic Pesticides, Hormone and Antibiotics and Other Synthetic Substances Residue Testing	3.1.15.1 Certified operations are forbidden to possess any not-allowed and/or non-approved materials within their production site and facilities. When such materials are found within the certified operations, the CB has the right to suspect potential applications by the certified operation. The CB also has the right to send samples of soil, water or crop to registered laboratories recognized by the HK government or the Chinese Central Government for synthetic pesticides residue testing, hormones and antibiotics, etc. The associated charge should be responsible by the certified operation, which may be reverted to the conversion period or have its certification to be revoked.

2. Revised policies

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3.1.8 Handling the nonconformance of Certified Operation	<p>3.1.8.2 When the operation demonstrates that each nonconformance has been adequately addressed, CB will have the following action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operation having minor nonconformance: CB notifies the operation that the nonconformance is resolved and the operation's certification status can be maintained in writing. • Operation having major nonconformance: After the operation has corrected its nonconformance, CB notifies the operation that the nonconformance is resolved and the operation's certification status can be maintained in writing. When the major 	<p>3.1.8.2 When the operation demonstrates that each nonconformance has been adequately addressed, CB will have the following action:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">3.1.8.2.1 Crop and Aquaculture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operation having minor nonconformance: CB notifies the operation that the nonconformance is resolved and the operation's certification status can be maintained in writing. • Operation having major nonconformance: After the operation has corrected its nonconformance, CB notifies the operation that the nonconformance is resolved and the operation's certification status can be



	<p>nonconformance is non-reversible, the operation enters the conversion period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Operation having repeated nonconformance: If the operation is found to repeatedly not complying with a requirement, CB may have the right to return the operation unit back to conversion period.	<p>maintained in writing. When the major nonconformance is non-reversible, the operation enters the conversion period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Operation having repeated nonconformance: If the operation is found to repeatedly not complying with a requirement, CB may have the right to return the operation unit back to conversion period. <p>3.1.8.2.2 Processing and Handling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Operation having minor nonconformance: CB notifies the operation that the nonconformance is resolved and the operation's certification status can be maintained in writing.• Operation having major nonconformance: After the operation has corrected its nonconformance, CB notifies the operation that the nonconformance is resolved and the operation's certification status can be maintained in writing.• Operation having repeated nonconformance: If the operation is found to repeatedly not complying with a requirement, CB may have the right to suspend/revoke the operation according to Section 3.1.10.
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	<p>3.1.8.3 When the operation fails to provide the evidence of corrective actions before the specified deadline, or the corrective actions taken or the rebuttal is found inadequate for it to qualify for certification, CB will take the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For minor nonconformance: Operation enters the conversion period. When the nonconformance cannot be resolved in the conversion period, the certification of the operation will be suspended according to Section 3.1.10.• For major nonconformance: Operation enters the conversion period. When the nonconformance cannot be resolved in the conversion period, the certification of the operation will be revoked according to Section 3.1.10.	<p>3.1.8.3 When the operation fails to provide the evidence of corrective actions before the specified deadline, or the corrective actions taken or the rebuttal is found inadequate for it to qualify for certification, CB will take the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For minor and major nonconformance: Crop or Aquaculture Operation enters the conversion period. When the nonconformance cannot be resolved in the conversion period, the certification of the operation will be suspended/revoked according to Section 3.1.10. <p>When the nonconformance is not resolved, the Processing and Handling operation should submit the follow up proposal/evidence of the corrective action or rebut within 7 days. When the nonconformance cannot be resolved, the certification of will be suspended/revoked according to Section 3.1.10.</p>
3.1.10 Suspension or Revocation	<p>3.1.10.1 When the operation fails to correct the minor / major nonconformance as stated in the Notification of Nonconformance before the deadline, or the rebuttal to CB or the appeal application to the Board of Directors is not accepted by the board concerned or the nonconformance cannot be resolved after the conversion period, CB will suspend or revoke the certification of the entire or a portion of the operation.</p>	<p>3.1.10.1 When the operation fails to correct the minor / major nonconformance as stated in the Notification of Nonconformance before the deadline, or the rebuttal to CB or the appeal application to the Board of Directors is not accepted by the board concerned or the nonconformance cannot be resolved after the conversion period for Crop or Aquaculture Operation, CB will suspend or revoke the certification of the entire or a portion of the operation.</p>