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Tips for Trade when Filing USDA Organic Data

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About USDA Organic Message Sets

This program identifies imported products certified as organic from countries that work directly with NOP-Accredited Organic Certifiers, or have trade agreements with the USDA AMS National Organic Program. Accredited Organic Certifiers issue NOP Import Certificates.

OR1 vs. OR2 Message Set

The OR1 message set accepts full information from an NOP Import Certificate. The OR2 message set accepts the electronic NOP Import Certificate number and limited additional information; there are significantly lower data submission requirements for this message set, and NOP combines data from the electronic NOP Import Certificate with Cargo Release data to ensure robust oversight of organic imports.

ACE Disclaimers Applicable to Organic Message Sets:

If an HTS code in ACE is flagged AM7, the filer has the option to use disclaim code A. AM7 flags are set for HTS codes that may be organic because there is not a specific organic HTS code for that commodity. This can be used for food, feed, or fiber products that do not, or will not, bear the USDA Organic Seal.

HTS Code Flags	NOP Data in ACE	Disclaim Codes Allowed in ACE (PG01)
AM7	Data May be Required	A
AM8	Data Required	None

Please see the AMS CATAIR for further guidance on PGA Message Set creation and filing information: https://www.cbp.gov/document/guidance/ams-catair-guidelines*. For additional questions on how to file, please refer to your Software Provider's training and guidance.*