

Canada-Japan Agreement

In force since January 1st 2015. This means that, as long as the terms of the arrangement are met, certified organic products in Japan or in Canada may be sold as organic in either country.

(COR-CERTIFIED) PRODUCTS EXPORTED TO JAPAN

- Plants, including fungi
- Processed foods of plant origin

Transaction certificates (TC) are now mandatory when exporting to Japan.

(Cor-certified) Canadian exporters must meet one of the 2 following requirements:

1) Canadian exporters who have a contract with a JAS-certified importer may apply the JAS logo themselves to their products for sale in Japan. To view the list of JAS-certified importers, see **(A)** link on page 2. The agreement between the Canadian exporter and the importer must state that the responsibility for the use of the JAS logo has been delegated.

2) Canadian exporters who do not have a contract with a JAS-certified importer **may not apply the JAS logo to their products prior to export**. A JAS-certified importer must import the product, and that importer must apply the JAS logo to the product prior to sale within Japan.

Canadian exporters without an agreement with a JAS importer that want to ship products with the JAS label must obtain their own JAS certification.

If one is not exporting directly to Japan, it is one's responsibility to confirm certification needs with the buyer. The need for certification may vary depending on whether a producer sells to a repacker (e.g. grain buyer, deep-freezing plant...) or to a processor (e.g. maple syrup bottler, dry fruit manufacturer, fruit juice manufacturer...).

JAS PRODUCTS ENTERING CANADA

- Plants, including fungi
- Processed foods of plant origin
 - That have been produced in Japan, or
 - Whose final processing or packaging occurs within Japan

Imported products must be certified by a Japanese Registered Certification Body. The list of recognized Japan certification bodies on the CFIA website:

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/food/organic-products/certification-and-verification/certification-bodies/eng/1327860541218/1327860730201>

OFFICIAL LINKS :

The full agreements and the FAQs are available here:

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/food/organic-products/equivalence-arrangements/japan-overview/eng/1411058101057/1411058102166>

http://www.maff.go.jp/e/jas/specific/pdf/qa_canada_en.pdf

LINK (A) : Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) - Organic Foods

<http://www.maff.go.jp/e/jas/specific/organic.html>