

OneCert International EU Sanction Catalogue

OneCert International categorizes noncompliances as major and minor based on the severity and their consequences. Major and minor noncompliances can be described as following:-

Minor Noncompliances:- Noncompliances that do not affect the integrity of the certification process and are rectifiable. Examples of such minor noncompliances include, but are not limited to, failure to submit information on time, improper document & record submission, etc.

Minor issues, whether found in operational practices or recordkeeping, indicate no systemic failure in the design or implementation of the organic system plan (OSP), i.e., they do not show an inability to comply with the EU organic regulations. Certification can be granted or continued before correction, but correction must occur within a time period specified by the OneCert. OneCert grants certification which includes requirements for the correction of minor noncompliances within a specific time period as a condition of continued certification.

Certification can be granted along with notification to the operation, typically a “minor issue letter or along with certification letter,” describing the noncompliance. OneCert requires correction during a specific period that can be no later than prior to the next inspection or annual update. OneCert keeps written records of the issues identified and their corrections.

Major Noncompliances:- Noncompliances that affect the integrity of the organic standard in general and certification process in particular. Examples of such major noncompliances include, but are not limited to, noncompliance with organic standard, knowingly providing false information/documents, misrepresentation as to certification status, repetition of same non conformities, failure to rectify such noncompliances, etc.

S. No.	Noncompliance Type	Description	Action
1.	Major	Refusal to notify certifying agent of the changes which effect the Operation's Organic Status,	1. 1 st Incidence- Warning letter and/or Suspension of certificate Minimum 15 days. 2. 2 nd Incidence- 30 days minimum suspension 3. 3 rd Incidence- Termination of Certificate.
2.	Major	Provide false information to certifying agent concerning changes to the operation which effect the operation's Organic status, falsification of documentation, selling non - organic crops or products as organic.	Termination or denial of certification or strict disciplinary action will be based on the severity of incidence.
3.	Major	In case the NC raised by last Certifier is Major & no Corrective action will be taken	Denial of certification.
4.	Major	Application of prohibited materials, falsification of records	Termination or denial of certification or disciplinary

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		concerning application of prohibited materials.	action will be based on the severity of incidence.
5.	Major	If product and label profile are not completed, and ingredients certifiers details are not available.	Product will not be listed in certificate or removed from certificate.
6.	Major	If operator is willfully/purposefully violating the requirements of standards, or if they fail to correct existing major noncompliance issues	Termination or denial of certification or disciplinary action.
7.	Major	If OneCert receives repetitive negative feedbacks from Buyers, importing countries, certification bodies and regulatory authorities about an operator	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1st Incidence- Warning letter and/or Suspension of certificate Minimum 15 days. 2. 2nd Incidence- 30 days minimum suspension 3. 3rd Incidence- Termination of Certificate. <p>Action will be based on the severity of incidence. Special control measures/restrictions will be issued for export of organic products.</p>
8.	Major	If OneCert observes repetitive residue detection from laboratories, regulatory authorities or any other reliable sources	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1st Incidence- Warning letter and/or Suspension of certificate Minimum 15 days. 2. 2nd Incidence- 30 days minimum suspension 3. 3rd Incidence- Termination of Certificate. <p>Action will be based on the severity of incidence. Special control measures/restrictions will be issued for export of organic products. Reduction of scope may be done.</p>
9.	Major	If operator fails to submit certification fee	Late fee will be charged. Certification may be denied.