

Procedure For the extension or reduction of the scope NOP, EU, JAS, COR

- Reduction of Scope: Removal or limitation of certified products, activities, sites, or categories from an existing certification, either: voluntarily requested by the operator; or imposed by OCI due to nonconformity or inability to maintain compliance.
- Scope reduction may occur due to operator request; discontinuation of products or activities; noncompliance affecting part of the certification scope; failure to maintain compliance with NOP, EU, JAS, COR requirements; inability to verify compliance; enforcement actions.
- The reduction process may be initiated upon written request from the operator; or by OCI following inspection findings, complaints, investigations, or surveillance activities.
- Where reduction results from noncompliance, OCI will evaluate the extent of noncompliance; determine affected products, sites, or activities; conduct review and certification decision activities.
- The operator will receive written notification including revised scope; reason for reduction; effective date; conditions for reinstatement if applicable; appeal rights.
- When Scope is reduced OneCert will issue revised certification documentation and also ensure that all certification documents and public information and updated accordingly when the scope of certification is reduced.
- All the related records and documents will be maintained.
- Extension of Scope: Addition of certified products, production activities, processing activities, production units, sites, or categories under an existing certification.
- The certified operator will submit a formal request for extension of scope including updated Organic Plan/System Plan; products or activities to be added; applicable production or processing details; updated site maps, input records, labels, or formulations as applicable.
- Application review will take place ensuring the completeness of documentation, applicability of NOP, EU, JAS, COR requirements, whether additional evaluation or inspection is necessary.
- Certification decision committee will determine whether the additional scope complies with NOP, EU, JAS, COR requirements; and certification may be extended.
- Where extension is approved, OCI will issue revised certification documentation OCI will update the public information.