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## Taiwan

### Organic Products

## Taiwan Council of Agriculture Announces Official Recognition of USDA's National Organic Program which will allow US Organic Foods to return to the Taiwan Market

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**Report Highlights:**

The Agriculture and Food Agency of the Council of Agriculture (COA) announced on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, that the US Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Organic Program (NOP) has officially been recognized by the COA as equivalent to Taiwan's new organic standards. This announcement will allow U.S. organic food products to resume shipments into the Taiwan market. Shipments were blocked since January 31, 2009 when Taiwan's new organic standards went into effect. The original press release and unofficial translation is found below.

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Includes PSD Changes: No  
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Please note the following Points:

- According to the AFA's in-transition arrangement, organic food products manufactured before January 31, 2009 are exempt from the new labeling requirements until July 31 2009.
- The ATO and USDA will work together on the step-two export arrangement by creating a standard USDA TM-11 form for Taiwan that will allow US exporters to provide necessary information required by the COA. Upon receipt and approval of the TM-11 form by the COA for each shipment, the local importers will be able to generate a serial number which will need to be included on the Chinese label for each product on a batch basis. More details regarding timing, import documentation procedures and the contents of the TM-11 will be provided by this office in near future.
- Please refer to the step-two web registration guidance provided by the COA's AFA: [http://www.afa.gov.tw/saftyAgriculture\\_index.asp?CatID=240](http://www.afa.gov.tw/saftyAgriculture_index.asp?CatID=240)
- Please note the list of importers who have already applied for the import approval/serial number for step-two requirements: <http://organic.afa.gov.tw/InOrganic/QueryApplyList>

Begin Translation:

March 18, 2009

COA AFA's notification No. 0981046576 (\*Original notification is enclosed.)

Subject:

Notification of Addition of Portugal and the USA to the recognized list of the countries for importing raw or processed organic agricultural products. The recognition is required by paragraph 1 of article 6 in the Agricultural Production and Certification Act. The recognized product portfolio is stated as follows, effective from today.

According to:

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND CERTIFICATION ACT (paragraph 1 of article 6)

Contents:

1. To implement paragraph 1 of article 6 in the Agricultural Production and Certification Act, the Agriculture and Food Agency (AFA) has announced the recognized countries whose standards are equivalent of Taiwan standards for organic agricultural and livestock products in the official AFA notification No. 0981046004 on January 12 2009 and No. 0981046118 on January 20 2009, and Agriculture and Livestock notification No. 0980040226 on February 12 2009.
2. The international certification agencies approved by the notified countries are now recognized by the AFA to certify products as organic.
3. The list of the revised notified countries required by paragraph 1 of article 6 in the Agricultural Production and Certification Act is attached as follows.

Minister Chen Wu-Hsiung

*the notified countries and their respective product portfolios of imported products:*

Product	Country	Remark
raw or processed organic agricultural products (doesn't include livestock products)	United Kingdom, France, Austria, Denmark, Finland, Netherland, Germany, Italy, New Zealand, Australia, Sweden, Luxembourg, Greek, Spain, Ireland, Belgium, Portugal, the USA	
raw or processed organic livestock products	Australia, New Zealand, the USA	

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## 行政院農業委員會 函

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附件：公告影本一份

主旨：「增列葡萄牙及美國為農產品生產及驗證管理法第六條第一項所定進口有機農產品及有機農產加工品之國家及其產品範圍」，業經本會於中華民國98年3月18日以農糧字第0981046576號公告，茲檢附公告影本1份，請 查照。

正本：行政院公報編印中心(附掃描檔，請刊登公報)、衛生署、歐洲經貿辦事處、美國在台協會農業貿易辦事處、台灣省進出口商業同業公會聯合會、台北市進出口商業同業公會、高雄市進出口商業同業公會、臺灣食品發展協會、本會資訊中心(請刊登網站)、畜牧處、法規會、農業試驗所、農業藥物毒物試驗所、桃園區農業改良場、苗栗區農業改良場、臺中區農業改良場、臺南區農業改良場、高雄區農業改良場、花蓮區農業改良場、臺東區農業改良場、茶業改良場、基隆市政府、臺北市政府、臺北縣政府、桃園縣政府、新竹縣政府、新竹市政府、苗栗縣政府、臺中縣政府、臺中市政府、彰化縣政府、南投縣政府、雲林縣政府、嘉義縣政府、嘉義市政府、臺南縣政府、臺南市政府、高雄縣政府、高雄市政府、屏東縣政府、宜蘭縣政府、花蓮縣政府、臺東縣政府、澎湖縣政府、金門縣政府、福建省連江縣政府、財團法人國際美育自然生態基金會、財團法人慈心有機農業發展基金會、台灣省有機農業生產協會、臺灣寶島有機農業發展協會、中華有機農業協會、暉凱國際檢驗科技股份有限公司、財團法人中央畜產會

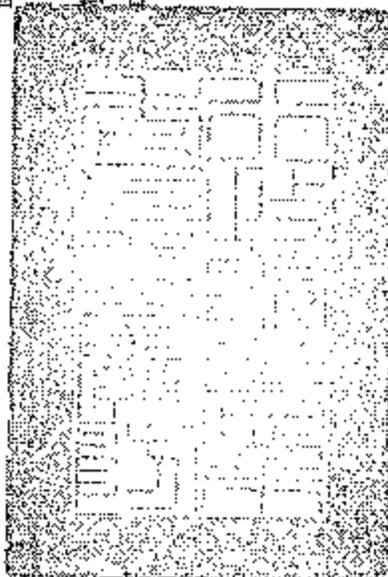
副本：行政院法規委員會、本會農糧署(署長室、蔡副署長室、游副署長室、主任秘書室、秘書室(行政科、法制科)、企劃組(請刊登網站)、作物生產組、運銷加工組、糧食產業組、糧食儲運組、北區分署、中區分署、南區分署、東區分署、農業資材組)(均含附件)

主任委員 陳武雄

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## 行政院農業委員會 公告

發文日期：中華民國98年3月18日  
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附件：



主旨：公告「增列葡萄牙及美國為農產品生產及驗證管理法第六條第一項所定進口有機農產品及有機農產加工品之國家及其產品範圍」，並自即日生效。

依據：農產品生產及驗證管理法第六條第一項。

公告事項：

- 一、本會業於九十八年一月十二日農糧字第0九八一0四六00四號、九十八年一月二十日農糧字第0九八一0四六一一八號及九十八年二月十二日農牧字第0九八00四0二二六號公告農產品生產及驗證管理法第六條第一項所定國家在案。
- 二、前揭國家認證之驗證機構於該國境外依其有機管理法規及技術性規定執行驗證之結果併予採認，並以公告產品範圍為限。
- 三、修正「農產品生產及驗證管理法第六條第一項所定進口有機農產品及有機農產加工品之國家及其產品範圍」，如附件。

副本：

主任委員 陳武雄

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品及有機農產加工品之國家及其產品範圍

產品範圍	國家名稱	備註
有機農糧產 品及有機農 糧加工品	英國、法國、奧地利、丹麥、芬 蘭、荷蘭、德國、義大利、紐西 蘭、澳大利亞、瑞典、盧森堡、 希臘、西班牙、愛爾蘭、比利時、 葡萄牙、美國	
有機畜產品 及有機畜產 加工品	澳大利亞、紐西蘭、美國	