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| Declaration of the operator – Organic JAS (Japanese Standard)  1. I, the Operator whose name appears at the top, hereby declare to be in compliance with the Japanese Agricultural Standards (JAS) of organic agricultural products, processed organic products and to comply with the regulations of the JAS law concerning labeling specifically.  * Describe all the measures and procedures implemented to satisfy the requirements of the JAS Law and Notifications 1605 and 1830, 1606 and 1831, 1607, 1608 and 1832, respectively, 1833 -as requested - and 1971, as required. * Comply with all the measures described on the Notifications JAS 1605 and 1830, 1606 and 1831, 1607, 1608 and 1832 respectively, 1833 - as requested - and 1971. * Inform immediately to MAYACERT regarding any changes or failure in operations. * Send the (updated) plan of the organic system (OSP) with the necessary annexes - including a description of any changes in measures, procedures, or other modifications - to MAYACERT no later than four weeks before the next inspection. * Accept the announced, unannounced or unscheduled inspections, being mandatory for the JAS organic certification. * Allow MAYACERT to conduct inspections to external product handling entities, packing entities, and processing plants, if necessary, to complete the inspection. * Accept, in serious cases, the revocation of the certificate if there are major discrepancies with the OSP or if noncompliances with the JAS Law and the Notifications 1605 and 1830, 1606 and 1831, 1607, 1608 and 1832, respectively, 1833 - as requested -, and 1971, are found. * Don‘t violate the ordinances on labeling issued by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), or refuse the request for a report to the MAFF, or make a false report. * Notify MAYACERT in advance about the cancellation of certification. * Avoid any possible misunderstanding that the applicant has been certified by MAYACERT for products other than agricultural products; or avoid any possible misunderstanding on the content of the inspection for the certification and other certifications, when the advertising or labeling of the applicant has been certified. * Don't use the label for purposes other than certification, according to JAS standards, when the advertising or labeling of the agricultural products in question has already been certified. * Accept the request for improvement or suspension of advertising or labeling done by MAYACERT, which recognizes that the terms mentioned in the preceding paragraph are not observed. * To avoid a possible misunderstanding that the applicant has been certified by MAYACERT for products other than agricultural products, or to avoid a possible misunderstanding about the content of the inspection for certification and other certifications; when the applicant provides other persons with the information related to certification, classification or labeling, as well as the previous clause. * Cooperate with the external inspection carried out by MAYACERT. * The report on the results of the grades of the previous year is delivered to MAYACERT at the end of May each year. * Mayacert may request the certification of the director of the production processes (Owner, General Manager, or Production Manager) for the necessary reports or inspect the quality, advertising, or labeling of the agricultural products, raw materials, factories, records, and other items for the visit of offices and production units, etc. * When the certified by the director of the production process violates the terms of the above clauses or neglects to report, makes a false report, refuses or obstructs the inspection, MAYACERT may request the cancellation of certification or suspension of the classification, and correction of the labeling in the shipment of the products. * When the certification is canceled, or the work of certification and shipment of products with JAS labels is suspended, the quality manager of the production processes must return the JAS certificate to MAYACERT. Also, the advertising/commercialization of the labeled and JAS certified products is stopped immediately. * Mayacert announces the name or business name and address of the certificates of the Production Processes, the types of agricultural products corresponding to the certification, name, address, and date of the certification of the farmland. When MAYACERT requests the suspension of the certification, it is canceled; MAYACERT announces the date and reasons for said request or cancellation, and the date of such suspension when the certification work has been suspended. * To respond appropriately to a complaint concerning the JAS products; and validate and make the registry of the claims submitted, according to the requirements of MAYACERT.   II.  **I declare to comply with the JAS regulatory provision No. 62, Article 46-1**   * I will follow the JAS rules regarding labeling and the "grading" procedure (quality control) of products. * I will follow the orders from the MAFF regarding labeling and grading. I will report annually on products labeled with the JAS seal, and I will not make false statements. I agree with inspections by MAFF. * I will inform MAYACERT in advance about any significant changes in my production or in case I decide to abandon the JAS certification and the grading. * On my labels or promotional material, I will not imply the JAS certification of products other than those covered by the JAS certification by MAYACERT. Nor will I make other false claims regarding certification. * I am aware that the certificate and the JAS seal only cover the JAS Organic standard. They do not cover other quality aspects. * I will implement the corrective actions requested by MAYACERT. In the event of non-compliance on my part, I will stop promoting my products as "JAS certified" and using the JAS seal. * I will report annually to MAYACERT about the products labeled with the JAS seal during the previous fiscal year (April 1 to March 31). No later than at the end of June of each year. * I will cooperate with MAYACERT during inspections or investigations, facilitating access to facilities, land, and all the information (including records and accounting) necessary for each case. Corrective actions will be implemented in the agreed time.   III. **Regarding section 46-1, and the section on suspension of the JAS certification:**   * I am aware that MAYACERT may cancel the JAS certification in case of violations of the conditions explained above, or may apply a temporary suspension, or impose other sanctions appropriate to the type of violation that has occurred. * In case of not complying with the corrective actions or agreed sanctions, MAYACERT will withdraw the certificate and follow the internal procedure. * In case of cancellation of the certificate or voluntary abandonment of the Organic JAS system on my part, the transactions related to the certification will be prohibited and the sales and exports under the JAS label will be suspended. I will also return the original certificates to MAYACERT. * I agree that MAYACERT publishes on its website any cancellation or abandonment of the JAS certification, including the name and address of the operator, types of agricultural products affected, names and addresses of the affected farms and facilities, date of both the issuance and cancellation of the certificate and the reason for the cancellation. * If there are complaints about JAS certified products, I will take appropriate action to correct the situation. Both complaints and corrective actions will be documented for an evaluation by MAYACERT.  |  | | --- | | IV. **Compliance with the Regulatory Provision No. 62, Article 47-4**  I agree that MAYACERT informs the MAFF in case of suspension or cancellation of the certification; or if I abandon the JAS certification and Grading. The information given can include my name, address, products, and land affected. This information will be available at the MAFF's office to be distributed by fax or other means by request of the interested public. | | V. **Others:**  (1) Based on the work instruction "Independence, Confidentiality and Discretion", MAYACERT will protect the confidentiality of the information obtained during the inspection and certification process at all levels of the organization, including possible subcontracted units.  (2) Except in cases required by the JAS law, or other laws, people conducting inspection and certification works are not authorized to pass on specific relevant information about products, operators, or quality managers obtained during the inspection and certification process. Possible exceptions to this have to be approved in writing by the corresponding operator or quality manager.  (3) In case of informing third parties under the JAS law or other laws, MAYACERT will inform me in writing.  **Place and date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Name of the applicant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Company name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Company stamp: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Signature of the Legal representative: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** | |
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