


JAS logo is required for organic livestock products and organic processed products with animal origin from 16 July 2020!

*the current requirements continues to be applied for organic plant products and organic processed products of plant origin

Do you know that labelling organic plant products and processed products of plant origin as "organic" requires the JAS certification and logo mark ()?

From 16 July 2020, organic livestock products (beef, eggs, etc.) and organic processed products of animal origin (ham, cheese, milk chocolate, etc.) also require the JAS certification and logo mark().*

Can we label imported organic products as organic?

Now that Japan has concluded the Organic Livestock equivalency* Recognition with the U.S., Canada, Switzerland and Australia, organic livestock products and organic processed products with animal origin produced in those overseas countries may be imported and labelled as organic under the organic equivalency recognition.

*organic equivalency means to treat other country's organic certification as equivalent to own country's organic certification

Procedures in case of using equivalency recognition

[US, Canada, Switzerland and Australia]

Attachment of organic JAS Logos by Importers Certified by Accredited Japanese Certifying Bodies is required



organic certification of own country



[Other countries and regions]

Unless manufacturers are certified by organic JAS certification bodies, products cannot be labelled as organic!

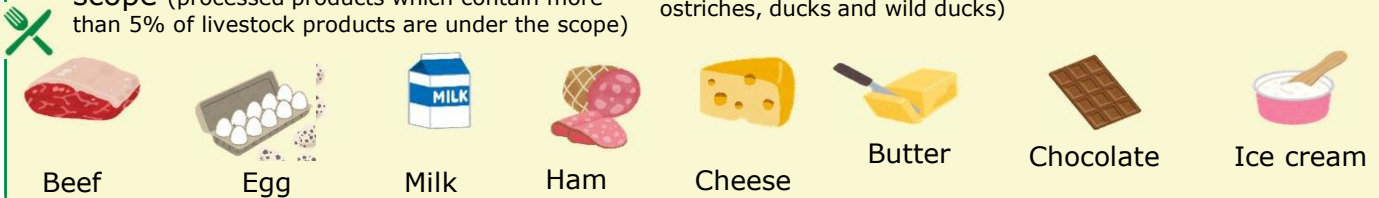


* Honey etc. is exempted from application of this system.

* Labelling products as "organic" etc. without the organic JAS logo mark may be subject to orders by Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries for removal of labelling and/or prohibition of sale. Failure to comply with this order may result in a sentence of penal servitude of up to 1 year or fine of up to 1 million yen (or 100 million yen for legal entities)

Examples of products under the new scope (processed products which contain more than 5% of livestock products are under the scope)

* Limited to products made from domestic animals (cattle, horses, sheep, goats and pigs) or domestic poultry (chickens, quails, ostriches, ducks and wild ducks)



Business operators for livestock products and processed foods

- ✓ Producer
- ✓ Butcher
- ✓ Distributor
- ✓ Processor
- ✓ Retailer
- ✓ Importer

Importers are required to be JAS certified



Labelling examples

- Organic livestock products
- Organic livestock products XX (or XX organic live stock products)
- Organic XX (or XX organic)
- *Organic XX (or XX organic in katakana)*



Transition period

- Any new labelling on or after 16 July 2020 shall be subject to this regulation. This also applies to livestock products or processed products that were produced or processed before 16 July.
- Import products shall be subject to this regulation when the following tasks are to be performed by importers on or after 16 July 2020: ✓Sales ✓Consignment ✓Display products for sale etc.



The organic JAS mark mascot character: JAS-marō, a fairy

- Imported livestock products and processed products from countries other than US, Canada, Switzerland and Australia cannot be labelled as organic unless manufacturers are certified by organic JAS certification bodies
- New scope includes livestock products and processed products which contain more than 5% of livestock products as ingredients (i.e. biscuit, ice cream) are under the scope

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