

Terms of Recognition for USDA ISO Guide 65 Program

Name of Recognized Accreditor:	USDA ISO Guide 65 Program
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Criteria for Recognition:	ISO/IEC 17011 and NVCASE Program Handbook
Scope of Recognition:	ISO/IEC Guide 65:1996, "General Requirements for Bodies Operating Product Certification Systems" for the following technical standards/requirements: (1) Organic production handling and labeling requirements of the National Organic Program (NOP) 7CFR Part 205 (covered mainly under subpart C and D and §§ 205.601 to 206.606). (2) Organic production and processing standards of EU regulation ECC No. 834/2007; and the associated rules for implementation as covered in ECC No. 889/2008 and ECC No. 1235/2008.

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