

National Organic Coalition

April 25, 2007

Mike Johanns, Secretary United States Department of Agriculture 1400 Independence Avenue SW Room 200A Washington, DC 20250

Secretary Johanns:

The National Organic Coalition and the additional under-signed concerned organizations and individuals, wish to bring to your urgent attention our strong concerns regarding a recent announcement of the National Organic Program (NOP) policy regarding the potential for organic certification of Grower Groups (GGC).

At the outset, we would like to commend the NOP on taking necessary steps towards enforcement of USDA standards throughout the world in order to ensure the integrity of the organic label worldwide. However, we have concerns that a recent decision pertaining to an individual entity announces a fundamental shift of policy at USDA/NOP regarding the inspections and certification of Grower Groups.

Historically, certification agents have widely and successfully implemented GGCs for over a decade, as a method of providing access to the organic market for farmers from developing countries who have very limited financial resources. Products successfully certified organic under the GGC system include nearly all of the organic coffee and much of cocoa, teas, bananas, spices, as well as many other products. The retail market value of coffee alone is estimated to be between \$200-300 million USD. Chocolate and sugar together are conservatively estimated to be similar, with a combined estimated retail value of coffee, chocolate, and sugar equaling \$400 – 600 million USD.

The GGC system was designed and created before the existence of USDA National Organic Program and it is practiced under many international certification programs. GGC systems are recognized around the world in world-wide markets. Since 2002, the NOP has accredited organic certification agencies, many of whom certify grower groups. The NOP has accredited these agencies with full knowledge and approval of the GGC systems. The National Organic Standards Board proposed a guidance policy to address this issue in 2002, and the practice of certifying grower groups has, in fact, continued by USDA-accredited organic certification agencies without further clarification from the NOP since implementation of the USDA regulations in 2002.

The Grower Group Certification model has been utilized for farmers in developing countries who have very limited financial resources and is limited to farmers who have formed associations, cooperatives or other democratically o rganized groups. To qualify for certification as a Grower Group, the farmers must create an internal certification control system (ICS) which ensures that the entire group, as well as each participating farmer, complies with organic certification requirements. The purpose of this system is to aid those farmers who cannot afford individual certification, thus providing a valid export access for these farmers, often for the very first time. At the same time, the ICS seeks to provide consistent oversight for the group to verify compliance with strict organic standards and therefore preserve consumer confidence. Organic accreditors and certifiers must ensure that these ICS systems are fully functioning.

There appears to be some conflict with this type of practice and the existing NOP regulation, as interpreted by USDA (see USDA/NOP Adverse Action: Denial of certification, Appeal RULING: October 27, 2006). In this case, USDA denied certification of a Mexican operation due to noncompliance issues, and further stated that: "The ruling established that use of an internal inspection system as a proxy for mandatory on -site inspections of each production unit by the certifying agent is not permitted."

Since this decision could have very significant economic impact on some of the world's smallest and most vulnerable farmers, affect major US food industry buyers, and deny consumers access to numerous organic products, we urge the USDA to proceed carefully with any policy decisions only after considering alternatives and consulting in thoughtful and timely discussions with the wide range of potentially impacted stakeholders and program participants.

A critical first step toward making significant policy determinations like the USDA's statement on GGC must include a public and transparent process. Further, the procedures for considering and taking action on such policies should be fully documented using the standard practices related to management of a Quality System for an accreditation agency. Given the fact that NOP does not have a Quality System in place, it is not surprising that problems have frequently arisen when NOP has made or revised policies related to its accreditation system.

We ask that any ruling on the eligibility of Grower Groups be delayed until NOP i nstitutes a full-fledged Quality System consistent with the mandate at 7 CFR 205.509, which requires that the NOP comply with ISO/IEC Guide 61 (now revised and renumbered a s ISO 17011, "Conformity Assessment—General Requirements for Accreditation Bodies A ccrediting Conformity Assessment Bodies").."

In our view, compliance with this international norm will greatly improve the current method of making changes in accreditation requirements, as §8.2.4. of ISO 17011 requires accreditation bodies to "give due notice of any changes to its requirements for accreditation and take account of views expressed by interested parties before deciding on the precise form and effective date of the changes." In addition, this international standard for management of accreditation bodies provides detailed and comprehensive requirements on such topics as:

- Acceptable structures of an accreditation body,
- Impartiality and confidentiality

- Accreditation activities
- Documentation of procedures, policies and standards of the accreditation body,
- Methods for developing, revising, and controlling documents,
- Recordkeeping
- Promptly identifying and correcting nonconformities in the accreditation body's management
- Managing accreditation personnel
- Ensuring that information about the management of the accreditation body is available to the public,
- Assessing applications for accreditation, performing audits, and making accreditation decisions,
- Ensuring continued compliance of accredited certifiers through reassessment and on -going surveillance, and
- Handling complaints and appeals.

Following the NOP's consultation with stakeholders, the National Organic Standards Board, and legal counsel, we fully support a very transparent and participatory process to develop further action with regard to GGC. This process should start with the comprehensive evaluation of the NOSB 2002 recommendations. The recommendations will need greater scrutiny and clarification to be widely accepted, but they serve as the appropriate beginning point for discussions. [Please see attached NOP statement and NOSB recommendations.].

Finally, and most urgently, USDA/NOP must ensure continued access to the US market for the current legitimately-certified and accredited GGC organic products in the stream of commerce while this problem is resolved. USDA should, of course proceed to fully audit, provide appropriate oversight and ensure confidence of all USDA accredited certifiers who are certifying fully functional and legitimate GGC systems

We look forward to your immediate response and to the positive resolution of this very timely and urgent matter,

Undersigned,

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Northeast Organic Farming Association -Interstate Council,

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AeroStar Global Logistics Agnus Dei Lutheran Church

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Alanheri (Produkten) BV - The Netherlands

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Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church Beecher gelato & gourmet coffee Belmont United Methodist Church Berkeley Natural Grocery Company

Berkshire Co-op Market

Bethel University: World Challenge

Big Sun Music

BIO FOODS (PVT) LTD, Sri Lanka

Blossom Grocery

Blue Ridge Outdoors Magazine Bonnie May's House of Praise Brattleboro Food Co-op Browns United Methodist Church

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CACVRA, Peru Café Campesino

Cafes Finos de Exportacion S. de R.L., Honduras Caffe Ibis,Inc.Coffee RoastingCompany California Council of Churches IMPACT

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Cambridge Naturals

Campesinos Ecologicos de la Sierra Madre de Chiapas

SC, Mexico

Canandaigua Farmers Market

Canvas Canoe
Cayuga Pure Organics
CECOVASA Ltda., Peru
Celtic Viking Furniture

Centenary United Methodist Church

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Church of Christ at Dartmouth College

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Agroecologicos, Mexico

Community Alliance for Global Justice

Community CROPS Companeros Cafe

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Committee Conscious Coffees Co-op America

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Cultural Creatives In Action Cupper's Coffee Co. Inc., Canada

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Deer Run Bed & Breakfast Desert Sun Coffee Roasters, Inc. Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Distribuidora Vida y Esperanza S.C, Mexico

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Earlham Environmental Action Coalition

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East to West Gifts

Ecumenical Peace Institute/CALC Edmonton Small Press Assn., Canada El Cerrito Natural Grocery Company Emanuel Lutheran Church, Manchester, CT Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Livonia, MI

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Environmental Action Club of Skidmore College

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Fair Trade Advocates of KSU Fair Trade For All LLC

Fair Trade Puget Sound

Fair Trade Student Association, American University

Fair Trade Winds Fair World Marketplace Faith Lutheran Church Faith United Methodist

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Federacon Indigena Ecologica de Chiapas SSS, Mexic o

Ferncliff Camp

Fiddler's Dream Coffeehouse

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First Central Congregational UCC First Congregational Church First Lutheran Church & School First Parish Church, Concord, MA First Presbyterian Church, TN First Presbyterian Church, NY

First Presbyterian Church, Stillwater, OK

First Presbyterian Church, IA First Presbyterian Church, Lawton, OK

First UMC of Union County
First UMC of West Webster
First Unitarian Universalist Church
First United Methodist Church
First Universalist Church
Flamenco Organic Coffee Co.

Flying Disc Ranch Food For Thought Food For Thought FoodWise Inc Forgotten Tails

Forward Movement Publications
Fountain of Life Ministries

Fowler Camp and Retreat Center reformed church in

america Friends Circle

Friends of San Jose de Apartado Peace Community

Ireland

FUMCOG Bazaar Gardens by Laura

George Washington University Students for Fair Trade

Georgetown Solidarity Committee Georgetown Students for Fair Trade

Gift & Thrift Inc. GLOBAL BEANS Coffee Global Connections Global Gifts

Globus Coffee LLC Good Foods Market & Cafe Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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Green Mountain Coffee Roasters Green Street monthly meeting Grounds for Change, Inc. Haley House, Inc Hands Around the World Hanover Consumer Cooperative Harvest Co-op Markets

Hayes Valley Neighborhood Parks Group Haywood County (NC) Peace Fellowship

Healing Innovations HEAR US Inc

Heathcote Earthings, LLC

Hebrew University Organic Co-op, Israel Hendersonville Community Co-op Heritage coffee company

Heritage coffee company Hilton Presbyterian Church

Hofstra's Environmental Law Society Holy Cross International Justice Office Holy Rosary Social Justice Committee Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Hope Lutheran Church Hosanna Harbors, Inc. House of Mercy

Indiana Certified Organic, LLC
Indiana's Green Network, Incorporated
Indigenous Women's Intiatives
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Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy

International Labor Rights Fund

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Just Food, NYC

Justice Committee, Congregation of St. Joseph

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UNION(1984) LTD, Kind Coffee LLC

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La Chiwinha, Inc., Puerto Rico La Siembra Co-operative Lakewood United Methodist Chruch Land Management Partners

Larry's Beans

Level Ground Trading LTD, Canada Levelground Trading Ltd., Canada

Lifeenergy, Jana Boggs, Linden Hills Co-op Living Wage Clothing

Living Waters Community Lutheran Church

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Lutheran World Relief Make Now Count

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Michigan Java LLC

Michigan Organic Food & Farm Alliance (MOFFA)

Middelbury Natural Foods Cooperative Mississippi Market Natural Foods Co-op Missouri Farmers Union

Moorpark United Methodist Church Mount Eagle Christian Center Mount Olivet Lutheran Church

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Mugshots Coffeehouse & Cafe Mugshots Coffeehouse & Cafe

Multinational Exchange for Sustainable Agriculture

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National Campaign for Sustainable Agriculture, Organic

Committee

National Cooperative Business Association

National Family Farm Coalition

Nature's International Certification Services

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Network for Business Innovation and Sustainability

New Garden Community Church New Silk Road Marketing, LLC NH World Fellowship Center

Northern Plains Sustainable Agriculture Society

Nottingham United Methodist Church

NYC Fair Trade Coalition

Oberlin Student Cooperative Association

OCIA International Inc

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One World Artisans
One World Handcrafts

Open Harvest Cooperative Grocery Organic Agsystems Consulting Organic Consumers Association

Organic Independents

Organic Islands Promotions Ltd., Canada Organic Produce Wholesalers Coalition ORGANIC PRODUCTS TRADING CO

OrganicUniverse.com

Our Saviour's Lutheran Chruch

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Palms Westminster Presbyterian Church Paradise United Methodist Church Pathway Investments, LLC Pax Christi Springfield Pax Christi Western New York

Peace and Justice Committee, Sacred Heart Catholic

Church, Oberlin Peace Coffee

Peace Presbyterian Church

Peace with Justice Ministries, Nebraska Conference,

UMC

Peacemaking & social justice committee, westminster

presbyterian

Peak to Plains Alliance People's Health Movement USA Peoples United Methodist Church

Planet Bean Coffee Plans and Solutions, I nc. Plowshare Center Polymeadows Farm

Poolesville Presbyterian Church

Port City Java, Inc.

Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Conference Center Presbyterians For Restoring Creation

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Prescott United Methodist Church

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Professional Creations, LLC Progressive Asset Management

Provender Alliance

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Rainbow Place

Rayjen Coffee Company Resurrection Lutheran Church Richland First Presbyterian Church

Rico Latte, Inc Rising Hope UMC

Rockport United Methodist Church

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Run for Africa

S&S Center for Sustainable Agriculture Saint Isidore's Catholic Church San Francisco Urban Service Project

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Seventh Generation Energy Systems

Seward Co-op

Shared Interest Society, UK Shepherd of the Mountains ELCA

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Sisters of St. Francis SmartSprocket, inc. Smith Mill Creek Institute

Social Concerns Committee of Sisters of Charity of St.

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Social Justice Alliance

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Africa

Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church St John's United Church of Christ St. Andrew's Social Justice Committee St. Hubert Peace and Justice Committee St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

St. Joseph Community Health St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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St. Matthew Trinity Lutheran Church Board of Outreach

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Sweetwater Organic Coffee Co. Inc.

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Ten Thousand Villages Grayslake
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Ten Thousand Villages of Sioux Falls SD Ten Thousand Villages of Souderton PA Ten Thousand Villages, Pasadena

The Brandermill Church

The Bridge

Tierra Nueva

THE CHANGE strategy and design

The Coffee Review
The Democracy Center
The Dessert Plate
The EarthWard Project
The Ecology Club

the Fiberactive Quilt Company

The Food Project
The Green Chef Deli, Inc
The Kobos Company

The Nesting Grounds Coffee House The Peace With Justice Project The Porters & Importers Company The United Methodist Church The Work of Our Hands The World's Window

Tradewater / Lower Green Rivers Watershed Watch

Transfiguration Lutheran Church

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True Roots

UCC Women's Fellowship

UCIRI, Mexico

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Union de comunidades indigenas de la region del istmo UNION DE SOCIEDADES DE LA SELVA, SSS Unitarian Fellowship of Bennington, Vt. Unitarian Fellowship of Sarnia & Port Huron

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Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bellport Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Boca Raton

United Church of Broomfield United Church of Christ in Abington

United Church of Christ Justice and Witness Ministries

United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women First U.M.C.

United Parish of Upton

United Presbyterian Church of Sterling

Unity Temple

Universidad Nacional Agraria La Molina, Lima, Peru

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Honors

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Women's Int'l League for Peace & Freedom, Mary Wood

branch,

World Craft & Cafe, Inc. T/A Pangea

World Wildlife Fund Worldly Goods

York United Methodist Church

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Zeitgeist Gallery

INDIVIDUAL SIGN-ONS

Tyler Abbott Laura Anderson Danielle Ball Jeremiah Belanger Oasim Abdul-Tawwab Antonia Andreoli Laura Ballantyne Sarah Marie Belcastro Deborah Abramsky Andy Andres Irene Ballas Mara Beldavs Maria-Viktoria Abricka Jane Andrews Michael Balonek Sarah Belfort Maher Abunamous Joe Andrews Mike Balonek Jessica Belich Ranan Banerji Karin Bell Doria Acheson Irene Angeletti Jasmine Angelini-Knoll Maggie Bangser Susan D. Bell Roxanne Acosta ieff angell Bryan Bell Rose Addington Bobbi Barbarich Sarah Adkins Erin Ankrum Catherine Barber Emily Bell Charles Adkins Jay Anton Hannah Bardin Lana Bellah Dawn Bellemare John Adriko Marilyn Antonik Arthur Bardos Jane Affonso Clarice Antwi-Obimpeh Christine Barilla Melissa Benbow Susan Aguilar Amelia Apfel Andrew Barilla Mark Benbow Rivkeh Ahmad **YVONNE** Katherine Barlett Carole Bencich Gretchen Aikman APPELTANS Jesse Barlow Lvla Bendsen Brian Albert Linda Arble Linda Barnes Melanie Benesh Gloria Albrecht iason ardelean Jereme Barnes Diane Bennett Mary Albrecht Rebecca Barnes-Davies Ron Arm Mica Bennett Ann Albrecht Benjamin Barnett Elisa Arond Debra Benson david Albright Lauren Arrington Rachel Teadora Barnett Chris Benson Victoria Albright Paul Aschebnbrenner Mark Barnett Meighan Bentz Mary Ann Albright Dick & Mary Ashbrook Robin Barr Gordon Benzer Gina Alcruz David Askuvich Samantha Barron Andrew Benzer Lynne Aldrich Elke Aspillera Anna and Doug Barsotti Valerie Berg Amelia Alexander Dwight Aspinwall Lauren Barthel Lisa Bergstresser John Berman Matthew Alexander Gayle Aspinwall Danielle Bartholomew Joyce Athey Timothy Bernard Joanna Alexander Doris Barton Havs Atkins Martha Barton-Rivera Gary Bernard Andrea Allegrezza donny allen Craig Auchter Patricia Bartoshevich Connie Beroza Jeff Allen lisl auf der Heide Karl and Evelvn Bartsch donald berry Deborah Allen LIndsey Aull Ronald Barus Kimberly Berry Gordon Allen Karen Auveung Shawna Batchelor Mary Anne Berry jacqueline berry Joli Allen Kristina Baade Bruce Batchelor-Glader PHILIP BERRY Rev. Dr. Judith Allen Beverly Babcock tovia bat-leah kay allen Kathleen Babe Gary Batty Tara Betts Kate Allen Nicholas Babin Sylvia Batty Jennifer Betz Suzanne Allison Ann Babyak Denise Bauer Tom Beutel Belinda Allison Kurt Bachmann Rob Baum Liz Bevers Robin Allman Chris Bacich Donna Baum Gaura Bhakta Chris Allred Faith Bade Diane Bauman Debra Biba Mollie Bady Michael W. Bible Emily Alp Marie Baumel Janet Alspach Crystal Bae Sarah Baumert Jericho Bicknell Scott Althoff Fritz Baesman WILBUR BEACHY Marije Bijdevaate Martha Altom David Bahn **Buddy Bealer** Christine Binder Betsy Bahn Charles Alvarez Tara Bealer Kate Bishop Mane' Alves Ian Bailey Thena Beam Jami Blaauw-Hara Eli Bailey Megan Beaman Edith Black Christian Amani Ya **IGUGU** Aaron Bair Andrea Beaman Patricia Black Paul Amundsen Russ Baird Gretchen Bearce Liane Blad Dorothy Blair Nikhil Anand DeAnna Baird Katherine Bearce Emilie Baird de Vargas Shelly Beard Thomas Blair Al Anctil Kathleen Anderson Susan Beck Blair Blaisdell sharon bakay Lisa Anderson Ellen Baker Jolene Beckman Susan Blandford Michael Anderson Jennifer Baker Mary Ann Bede Steven Blank David Beeman Rachel Anderson Marilvn Baker Cecilia Blasco Carolyn Baldwin Debbie Beeman Marla Blaser Gene Anderson CHristine Anderson Shannon Ball Jack Behl Marla Blaser NANCY BALL Olga Beirne Deborah Bliss Ian Anderson

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RECENT DECISION BY USDA/ National Organic Program:

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"6. Improper inspection procedures

Proposed Adverse Action: Denial of certification

SUMMARY: A denial of certification was issued to community grower group, located in Mexico, for improper personnel structure of the Internal Control System (ICS) and lapses in its administration. Specifically, the ICS failed to detect the application of a prohibited insecticide by one producer and to provide evidence that the use of empty fertilizer bags for crop storage was confined to one producer. The appellant admitted fault, but contested that the severity of the sanction was disproportionate to the frequency and extent of the non-compliances .

RULING: October 27, 2006. The appeal was denied. The Findings demonstrated that the operation's oversight mechanisms for maintaining compliance were inadequate. Furth er, the certifying agent's policies and procedures for the certification of community grower groups were deemed inconsistent with the NOP and had been implemented prematurely prior to evaluation by the NOP In conflict with the provision §205.403(a)(1), whe reby each production unit must be inspected, the agent selected a percentage of the producers within a community grower group for on-site inspection. The internal inspection procedures, whereby each production unit is inspected, was overseen by members of the grower group who were not required to have sufficient expertise, be subject to an annual performance review or to disclose conflicts of interest.

The ruling established that use of an internal inspection system as a proxy for mandatory on -site inspections of each production unit by the certifying agent is not permitted. The appellant waived the right to a hearing, and the denial of certification was final."

2002 NOSB RECOMMENDATION REGARDING GROWER GROUPS:

NOSB Recommendation Adopted October 20, 2002

Criteria for Certification of Grower Groups

Introduction:

Grower group certification refers to the certification of a group of producers whose farms are uniform in most ways, and who are organized under one management and marketing system. Grower group certifications have historically been used for the certification of cooperatives or groups of producers located in a geographical or social region, whose crops are marketed collectively. Primary crops produced by grower groups include coffee, coc oa, tea, spices, and tropical fruits.

Background:

In section 205.2, the final rule defines "person" as "an individual, partnership, corporation, association, cooperative, or other entity."

In section 205.400 "General requirements for certification," the final rule states:

- "A person seeking to receive or maintain organic certification under the regulations in this part must:
- (a) Comply with the Act and applicable organic production and handling regulations of this part;
- (b) Establish, implement, and update annually an organic production or handling system plan that is submitted to an accredited certifying agent as provided for in § 205.200;
- (c) Permit on-site inspections with complete access to the production or handling operation, including noncertified production and handling areas, structures, and offices by the certifying agent as provided for in § 205.403;
- (d) Maintain all records applicable to the organic operation for not less than 5 years beyond their creation and allow authorized representatives of the Secretary, the applicable State organic program's governing State official, and the certifying agent access to such records during normal business hours for review and copying to determine compliance with the Act and the regulations in this part, as provided for in § 205.104;
- (e) Submit the applicable fees charged by the certifying agent; and
- (f) Immediately notify the certifying agent concerning any:
- (1) Application, including drift, of a prohibited substance to any field, production unit, site, facility, livestock, or product that is part of an operation; and
- (2) Change in a certified operation or any portion of a certified operation that may affect its compliance with the Act and the regulations in this part."

Given the fact that the rule includes "cooperative" and "association" in the definition of "person", and given the fact that section 205.400 indicates that it is a "person" who seeks organic certification, it can be concluded that grower groups, organized as cooperatives or associations, can seek certification as one operation under the NOP without a change to the rule.

Grower groups are different from other entities seeking certification in that they are comprised of numerous producers who are certified as one entity, rather than being certified as individual sole proprietors.

Historically, not all grower group members' farms are individually inspected by the certifying agent annually. This means that the grower group must have a quality system, or internal control system, in place to assure that all members of the group operate according to the system plan in compliance with the organic standard. The quality system of the grower group is inspected at least annually, but only a set percentage of the member operations are visited by the certi fying agent. Individual site inspections are conducted primarily to validate the functioning of the quality system.

Rationale:

Many products sold as organic in the United States, including coffee, cocoa, tea, spices, and tropical fruits, are produced by grower groups. These types of operations are certified by certifying agents who have received NOP accreditation. While there is no need to change to the final rule, there is a need to provide guidance to the NOP to assure that certifying agents who operate grower group certification programs follow consistent procedures. There is also a need to assure that such certifying agents are evaluated according to set criteria during the accreditation review of their programs.

Recommendation #1:

Criteria for the Certification of Grower Groups

The NOSB recommends that, in order to be certified as a grower group, the following conditions must be met:

- The crops and farming practices of the producers must be uniform and reflect a consistent process or methodology, using the same inputs.
- The group must be managed as a legal entity under one central administration that is uniform and consistent.
- Participation in the group is limited to producers who sell all of their organic production through the group.
- Producers who are certified as part of a grower group do not possess individual certificates. Rather, the grower group is certified as a unit.
- Grower groups must establish and implement an internal control system (quality system), with supervision and documentation of production practices and inputs used at each producer's operation to insure compliance with the USDA's National Organic Standard.
- Grower groups must ensure that all members understand the US National Organic Standard and how it applies to their specific operations.
- Grower groups must utilize centralized processing, distribution, and marketing facilities and systems.

The certifying agent shall have policies and procedures for determining how many growers must receive an annual inspection by the certifying agent. For each grower group it certifies, a certifying agent must document its method for determining the number of growers to be inspected. This determination must include consideration of:

- The number of operations participating in the grower group;
- The size of the average operation in the grower group;
- The degree of uniformity between the group's operations;
- The complexity of the group's production system(s); and
- The management structure of the group's internal control system.

Recommendation #2:

The NOSB recommends that the following information be included in the NOP Accreditation Manual:

A. Inspection of Grower Groups

Information provided. The first step of any grower group inspection is to review the material from the certifying agent to determine the scope of the project. Grower groups are often very complex. They may include hundreds if not thousands of producers. These types of operations do not easily fit normal inspection protocols. Therefore, much supplemental data is necessary in addition to normal certification documents. The following is a list of information that the certifying agent must provide to the inspector prior to the inspection:

- General map indicating the general region of the production zone.
- A more detailed map indicating the location of each of the communities to be inspected.
- Grower lists by community, listing producers, producer codes or numbers, amount of land area under production by each producer, crops, estimated yields, and past production history. Many grower groups maintain individual producer records such as parcel maps and grower agreements which are generally reviewed at the time of inspection.
- Organic system plan, certification questionnaire, or application.
- Name of contact persons with phone numbers, both ho me and work. It is important to have access to at least two contacts in case the primary contact person cannot be reached.
- A description of the project to understand how it is organized. A previous inspection report should be provided for certification upd ates.
- Handling plans, questionnaires/applications, if there is any processing. (Many grower groups operate processing and/or storage facilities.)
- Information on final sales and distribution. This is important to determine if any off -site export or storage facilities need to be inspected.
- In the case of certification updates, the inspector should be provided with the past certification letter with all conditions for certification clearly stated. As indicated, the past inspection report can be extremely valuable, and should be reviewed.

Review internal control documents. Upon arrival at the inspection locale, meet with the management to plan the inspection itinerary. You should clearly understand the organizational

management of the project prior to heading out into the field. You will need documentation of the internal control system to properly verify local oversight efforts, education programs, product flow, and production practices. It is advisable to review internal control documents and other records before heading out into the field. This information can help you choose where to focus your inspection site visits.

Select the sites to visit. Make sure that you have the freedom to select any part of the project for inspection. Do not allow the grower group manager to "direct" the inspection. Keep in mind that the further a group of producers are from the main office or the internal control system administrator, the weaker the control may be. Attempt to visit remote producers to best assess the system.

Interview grower group members. Once the inspection begins, it is best to follow the product flow starting with the production sites, followed by primary processing, final processing, packaging, storage, and distribution. When visiting the producers, in addition to observing production practices and organic control points specific to the operation, the inspector must verify aspects critical to the overall project. Interview producers directly. Ask questions not only about their farms, but also about other project programs. How well does the producer understand what organic farming and certification means?

Ask direct questions. It is also important to ask producers, point blank, "When was the last time you used agro-chemicals?" You may want to ask specifically if this includes urea or Roundup or other brand name products common to the area. Often producers in a remote area do not clearly understand that these substances are prohibited. Do not assume anything. Individual farm integrity usually reflects the producer's understanding of organic certification, which is directly linked to the project's educational and oversight efforts.

Understand local issues. It is critical to understand the local culture, traditions, and common inputs. It is advantageous to invite a local inspector to accompany you. A local inspector can help build trust with producers and help you understand local issues. Such cooperative arrangements can help empower indigenous inspectors.

Office audit. Once all aspects of the project have been inspected, a final visit to the project office will likely be required for an audit. The audit of the entire project is best done at the end of the inspection, when the inspector has a more thorough understanding of the entire operation. Additionally, it will most likely be necessary to verify different pieces of information gathered during the field inspection.

Exit interview. An exit interview with the project management is necessary in order to answer remaining questions. This gives the inspector a last chance to secure missing information, obtain required signatures, clarifying confusing, inconsistent, or inaccurate information, and communicate issues of concern.

B. The Internal Control System and Organic Control Points (OCPs)

Assess the internal control system. The most critical component of both the grower group

inspection and the grower group inspection report is the assessment of the internal control system. (A grower group inspection is in fact an evaluation of the internal control system.) The report must address the steps taken by the internal control system to enforce compliance with organic standards.

- Have the operators been provided copies of the standards in a language or format they understand?
- Does the internal control system use individual inspection reports to assess operator compliance?
 - If not, how is compliance assessment documented?
- How often do official representatives of the control system visit each operation?
- What kinds of documents are generated to verify these visits?
- Are new operators inspected prior to being added to the GG?
- Have all grower group members signed a contract stating that they will comply with the organic standards and permit annual inspections?
- Are operators provided assistance to comply with the standards?
- What happens when non-compliance is suspected or detected?
- Are there records of the actions taken when non-compliance has been investigated?
- Does the control system have an official "sanctions" policy? If so, submit a copy with your report.

Report inconsistencies. It is important to clearly describe the consistency of the project from producer to producer. As indicated, different certifying agents may have different requirements for grower group inspections. Some may require spreadsheets with information on each producer; others may require site visit sheets signed by the farmer at the farm; others require inspecting only a percentage of the total number of producers. If you find prohibited practices and you are only inspecting 20% of the operations, it is a good bet that you have only found 1/5 of the problems. Removal of the individual producer is not necessarily the final answer. The situation may be an indication that the project is not providing proper oversight. Internal records should match your findings and the findings of the certification program. Present your findings in the inspection report, along with any inconsistencies and unresolved issues.

OCPs. It is very important to describe the organic control points of the overall operation, where loss of organic integrity may occur. The inspector should report the preventative steps taken to protect organic products, and identify deficiencies where organic control points are not sufficiently addressed.

The following is a list of examples of **organic control points** encountered during grower group inspections:

- Unclear registers of grower group members.
- Unclear or inadequate maps.
- Inclusion of new fields or new producers with no convers ion or documentation.
- Use of synthetic fertilizers A producer may think that because he or she uses no herbicides or pesticides, the operation is organic.
- Use of used agrochemical bags or containers for harvested products.

- Contamination during storage or transport, e.g.: boats with gas and water in bilge, or storage under the house with gas and paint on top of product.
- Insufficient buffers or non-separation from other crops that have chemicals e.g.: cacao inter-planted with plantain, with urea used to fertilize the plantain.
- Inclusion of crops from neighbors or relatives who are not on the producer list.
- Intentional chemical use. "I only used a little bit."
- Shared use of backpack sprayers which are also used for applying prohibited materi als.
- Unclear internal purchase and transaction records within the grower group.

Processing by grower groups. Finally, grower group reports may include process inspection reports for all of the processes performed by the grower group. Make sure that the grower group has submitted a handling system plan, as applicable, and that the plan has been approved by the certifying agent. Follow handling inspection protocols and submit a handling inspection report.

C. Grower Group Inspection Report Guide

The grower group inspection report basically follows the outline for a farm inspection report. However, sections may need to be expanded, added, or modified. For example, a section on Organizational Management is helpful to describe many aspects of the project. This section should describe the structure and assess the functioning of the internal control system. It should also list the names of communities, number of producers in each, hectares of each, and, if possible, estimated yields, with totals.

The following outline summarizes the general areas of grower groups that should always be inspected, and provides a list of the <u>additional</u> topics which must be covered in a grower group inspection report:

- 1. Background
- 2. Project headquarters and audit trail information; organization, accessibility, and accuracy of information; projected yields of products requested for certification
- 3. Organization management, internal control system, and compliance mechanisms, including
 - records maintained
- 4. List of communities
- 5. Grower lists
- 6. All processing facilities, both on-farm and off-farm
- 7. Transportation systems
- 8. Storage facilities
- 9. Field conditions; inspector observations
- 10. Risk assessment; adjoining land uses; other organic control points
- 11. Inputs used
- 12. Equipment used
- 13. Packaging materials
- 14. Producer interviews; inspector observations
- 15. Education program producer understanding of organic principles and standards
- 16. Split operations production of non-organic crops/products by grower group

members

- 17. Other considerations
- 18. Summary
- 19. Attachments

D. Outline for Organization and Assessment of the Internal Control System (ICS)

1. Field officers

Field officers are employed by the grower group. They have m ixed roles:

- a. Information/extension
- b. Registration of growers
- c. Internal control
- d. On-farm research

Field officers often become part of the community. Because field officers have internal control and education functions, they may have conflict of interest issues. This can be solved by rotation of field officers or field officers from other area's handling the internal control function. There should be a minimum of one field officer per maximum 500 farmers.

2. Principles of ICS

- a. analyses/description of situation
- b. appropriate, documented system
- c. awareness raising, information and instruction, contracting, verbal and written, social controls,

monitoring, corrective actions, risk analyses

3. ICS documents

- a. Project description
 - 1. Basic project outline
 - 2. Farmer and farm profile, grower lists, site maps
 - 3. Farming practices
 - 4. Farmer support system
 - 5. Stakeholder analyses
 - 6. Risk-assessment

b. The ICS itself

- 1. ICS personnel and the ICS office
- 2. Documentation & record keeping (forms)
- 3. Monitoring and corrective actions
- 4. The buying system arrangement
- 5. Product storage and handling procedures
- 6. Code numbering and product tracing
- c. Updating the system (annual report)
 - 1. Compliance with standards
 - 2. Corrective actions undertaken
 - 3. Farm/project economy financial report

4. Update of documents

E. Evaluation of the Internal Control System (ICS)

The outline below contains further methodology for evaluation of the ICS by the third party inspector:

- a. At the ICS office
 - 1. Review of the documented system (Is it sufficient for the current situation?)
 - 2. File check to see whether system is being adhered to (Is office, are documents, is staff, is the

system functioning?)

- 3. Review cases of farmer non-compliance
- 4. Identification of problem areas/risk assessment
- 5. Construct a plan for field visits:
 - Select some to get a general feeling, at random
 - Select some targeted at problems/risk areas and distant production sites

This work can be done in one day if the office and staff are well organized. The inspector

should use a format/checklist/reporting form for this office work.

b. In the field

- 1. Field visits
 - Conduct some farm re-inspection visits
 - Inspect some at random (can even be demonstration farm or village elders)
 - Inspect some focused on the problem/risk areas
 - Meet with community, second parties
 - Evaluate social control mechanisms
 - Meet with third parties

As soon as a non-compliance is detected, the inspector will want to determine whether the non-

compliance is the odd exception or whether it is widespread.

- c. Back in ICS office (exit interview)
 - 1. Share evaluation of the field visits with field staff.
 - 2. Identify OCPs and potential non-compliance issues.
 - 3. Discuss strategies to address areas of non-compliance with management and field staff.