

Guideline No. POS6/2013

Pacific Organic Standard(POS): Certification of Salt and Water

1. Purpose

This guideline provides clarification with regard to the certification of salt and water under the Pacific Organic Standard.

2. Scope

This guidance applies to all POETCom Approved Certification Partners (ACPs) and Registered Participatory Guarantee Systems (RPGS).

3. Background

The POS states:

7.2.1 All ingredients used in an organic processed product shall be organically produced except for those additives and processing aids listed in Appendix 1, Table 4. If organic ingredients are not available, then non-organically produced ingredients of agricultural origin may be used, provided that:

- they are permitted by the certifier and are listed in Table 4;*
 - they are not genetically engineered (see 2.3);*
 - they do not exceed 5% of the content of the agricultural origin component of the product.*
- Water and salt may be used as ingredients in the production of organic products and are not included in the percentage calculations of organic ingredients.*

4. Guidelines

Neither water nor salt will be certifiable under the POS.

Audited salt and water can be approved as processing inputs but cannot be labelled with the Organic Pasifika Mark.

5. References

Pacific Organic Standard (2008)