DOCUMENTATION NEEDED FOR CERTIFIER REVIEW OF INGREDIENTS, PROCESSING AND PACKAGING AIDS

Your organic certifier must review and approve all ingredients and processing/packaging aids used in the handling and processing of organic products. The table below lists the types of documentation that may be requested by your certifier in order for them to have all of the necessary information about the material to make a determination. This list is not exhaustive, but these are the most commonly needed documents. As you develop a relationship with your certifier, you will learn exactly what documentation they require.

Document from the Supplier	Certified Organic Substance	Nonagricultural Substance	Nonorganic Agricultural Substance
Organic Certificate	Yes, must be current	N/A	N/A
Certificate Addendum (Product Listing)	Yes	No	No
Label and/or Spec Sheet	Maybe, if multi-ingredient	Yes	Maybe, if multi-ingredient
OMRI Certificate	N/A	If listed, may replace the documents below	No
List of All Ingredients (if not on the spec sheet)	Maybe, if multi-ingredient	Yes	Maybe, if multi-ingredient
Declarations for Absence of Ionizing Radiation, Sewage Sludge, or Excluded Methods (GMO)	No	Yes, unless OMRI-listed	Yes
Manufacturing Process Information	No	Depends on the listing annotations and known manufacturing details	No
Commercial Availability Documentation	No	For a few §205.605 items (e.g. flavors, yeast, collagen gel, silicon dioxide)	Yes
Annotation Documentation	No	Depends on the §205.605 listing	Depends on the §205.606 listing

SOURCES CITED

USDA National Organic Program, 7 CFR §205.605.
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