

International
Certification
Services, Inc

Providing Certification
Services Since 1980



“Building Confidence in the
World’s Food Supply”

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ICS Mission

International Certification Services' mission is to provide the most complete, highest quality certification services to growers, processors, manufacturers and traders worldwide. We offer value-added opportunities to growers, unparalleled service to the trade and uncompromised point of purchase assurance to consumers.

ICS History

The private company was born as Farm Verified Organic, Inc. (FVO) in 1979, the collaborative effort of a group comprised of a North Dakota grower, an organic trader, and a European authority on organic agriculture and certification. FVO's first certifications were issued in 1980. In 1998, FVO's Board of Directors re-incorporated the company as ICS and moved the FVO program under ICS' umbrella. This move has allowed ICS to explore other areas of certification.

ICS Programs & Services

FVO-IFOAM:

Farm Verified Organic is a service we have offered since 1980. This meets all of the requirements set forth by the USDA National Organic Program and has various additional requirements. The FVO program is IFOAM (International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements), CAAQ (Conseil des appellations agroalimentaires du Québec), and ISO 65 accredited/approved. FVO allows easy access into many international markets and FVO is recognized worldwide.



NOP:

The USDA National Organic Program has been in effect since 2002 and all United States organic certifiers offer this program. This program allows for acceptance of a valid certificate between all NOP accredited certifiers and is a required certification for sales of organic products in the United States.

Bio Suisse:

ICS has an agreement with Bio Suisse that allows ICS to review its operators to the Bio Suisse standards. Upon approval, qualifying product is then allowed to be sold with the Bio Suisse label in Switzerland. Our agreement with Bio Suisse coupled with the ready acceptance of ICS certified product by the Swiss authorities makes for an expeditious route to the Swiss market.

EEC 2092/91 (European Organic Regulation):

ICS will review your current Production Plan for compliance to the EU Council Regulation (EEC) 2092/91 and provide documentation stating such compliance for qualified product. ICS' reputation for integrity and quality is highly regarded by EU import authorities and certifiers alike resulting in 100% EU acceptance of ICS certified product to date.

JAS Facilitation:

ICS has a close relationship with a Japanese certifier that allows your ICS paperwork and inspection to be used as the basis for direct JAS certification of your operation.

3rd Party Verification:

ICS will verify to a third party set of standards whether created by an independent party or developed in-house. Examples include: sustainable certification programs and quality control programs.

ICS is your one stop certifier. Our clients get the advantages of an international company with the individual attention that only a service oriented company can provide. We have taken our customer service to the next level by implementing our Customer Care Team program. Each client is partnered with a Customer Care Specialist who will guide you through our certification process, answering questions as you go. This ensures that your certification goes smoothly and you are always well informed. Even after you receive your certificates, your Customer Care Specialist remains your source of information for questions that arise. ICS has developed this CCS structure from over two decades of providing certification services. We know your needs and appreciate our customers.

Services

Through many years of experience, ICS has developed requirements for many areas of the organic industry. ICS is constantly expanding their services to provide more opportunities for you. Some of the areas in which ICS provides services include:

- Crops & Livestock
- Family & Commercial Farms
- Maple Syrup
- Cottage Industry
- Handlers
- Aquaculture/Wild Fish
- Organic Turf/Recreational Areas
- Textiles
- Contract Service Operations
- International Projects
- Apiculture/Honey
- Sustainable Wild Harvest
- Inputs
- Contract Processors
- Retail
- Greenhouses
- USDA Processed Verified
- Herbs & Spices
- Processors/Manufacturers
- Third Party Verification

Testimonials

I highly recommend using their services as we have [since 1998]. I have traveled overseas to many food shows and found that their name is highly recognized and respected in the industry.

-North Dakota Mill, USA

I most definitely would recommend ICS/FVO to my closest business associates.

-Dagoba Organic Chocolate, USA

ICS/FVO is always ready to promptly respond to our doubts and questions.

-Usina Sao Francisco, Brazil

I feel confident in trusting ICS with confidential information.

-Grain Place Foods, USA

New Chapter, Inc. has been greatly impressed with ICS's expertise. As a vertically integrated dietary supplement company, with organic facilities in Costa Rica and Germany and a complex international supply chain, I think we presented some novel challenges to the ICS team. I know that ICS professionally handled our issues, and, most importantly, I know that our ICS certification will be respected worldwide. My thanks to all at ICS!

-New Chapter, Inc, USA



