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Organic standard open for comment

The rulebook for certification with Australian Certified Organic is open for public comment.

The Australian Certified Organic Standard is reviewed every three years to ensure it meets industry expectations and changes with new practices and research.

It prescribes the practice requirements of all businesses certified with Australian Certified Organic, ACO.

It applies to a range of organic businesses; cosmetics, processors, traders, farmers and graziers and manufacturers of certified organic products used in production.

ACO is the most recognised organic label in Australia and is identified by the Bud symbol that appears on the majority of certified organic produce in Australia.

As an organic certifier ACO is required to have its own set of standards.

Standards Convenor Owen Gwilliam says, “The Standard brings together the requirements of national and international relevant standards so consumers have a simple choice when buying organic.

“More importantly the Australian Certified Organic Standard allows the broadest possible international market access.





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“The high quality of our Standard has earned direct equivalence with the European Union for livestock and wine export, whereas Australia’s national organic standard hasn’t been able to achieve this. This means that unless you’re certified with Australian Certified Organic you may have difficulty accessing EU markets.

The most noticeable update in the Standard is in the poultry management and wine sections.

See austorganic.com for more information.

Submissions close 30 April 2013. Address comments to standards@austorganic.com

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