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# Fee Schedule of OMIC for NOP Organic Certification

#### 1 Certification fee

#### 1.1 Structure of certification fee

The certification fee consists of followings;

- (a) Basic fee (basic certification fee for initial certification in 1.2 below and basic certification fee for supplemental inspection in 2.1 below);
- (b) Actual expenses of traveling expenses and accommodation fee of inspector;
- (c) Per diem allowance of inspector; and
- (d) Other additional inspection fee in case it is required.

#### 1.2 Basic certification fee for certification

(Unit: US\$)

Fee	Initial certification inspection		Initial certification inspection Annual audit inspection			
	Application	On-site	Total	On-site	Certification	Total
Category	fee	inspection		inspection	management	
P1/P1H1	600	1,200	1,800	1,000	600	1,600
P2	300	600	900	500	600	1,100
H1	300	600	900	500	600	1,100
H2	600	1,200	1,800	1,000	600	1,600
P1H2	1,000	2,000	3,000	1,400	1,200	2,600
P2H1	500	1,000	1,500	600	1,200	1,800
P2H2	600	1,200	1,800	1,000	1,200	2,200

# [Explanatory notes]

P1 : A producer that produces crop(s) in farm fields.

P2 : A producer that collects or harvests wild crop(s).

H1: A handler that handles agricultural products, storage, screening, packing and shipping only.

H2: A handler that handles agricultural products other than H1.

P1H1: An entity that seeks double certification of producer (crops) and handler (storage, screening, packing and shipping only) and applicable in case handling in producing area.

P1H2: An entity that seeks double certification of producer (crops) and handler (other than H1).

P2H1: An entity that seeks double certification of producer (wild crops) and handler (storage, screening, packing and shipping only).

P2H2: An entity that seeks double certification of producer (wild crops) and handler (other than H1)

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### [Remarks]

- Certification is given on the basis of a complex of farm/farm facility for a producer. Where an application is made for plural farms/farm facilities, it is treated as a single certification, provided that they are located in a same locality and controlled under the same management.
- 2) Certification is given on the basis of a factory/warehouse/office for a handler. Where an application is made for plural ones, it is treated as a single certification provided that they are located within a same locality and controlled under the same management.
- 3) In case a special audit inspection is required based on the external information etc. to investigate the appropriateness of the business performance by the certified entity, the same amount of the audit inspection fee above is charged.

### 1.3 Actual expenses

Actual traveling expenses incurred for on-site inspection includes accommodation fee, traveling expenses and rent a car charge.

#### 1.4 Per diem

Inspector's per diem is US\$75/person/day.

#### 1.5 Other additional inspection fees

- (1) Lecture fee of US\$400/lecture is charged, when an applicant requests OMIC to hold an explanatory lecture course for the better understandings of the organic scheme concerned at the on-site inspection.
- (2) The on-site inspection fee is set on the assumption that the on-site inspection is completed in one day. An extra inspection fee of US\$350/person/day in addition to actual expenses and inspector's per diem is charged, when more than one day is required for the on-site inspection due to multiple business locations etc.
- (3) When an additional on-site inspection is required following initial certification inspection or audit inspection to determine compliance with the Act and NOP regulations, inspection fee of US\$350/person/day in addition to actual expenses and inspector's per diem are charged.

### 2 Supplemental certification fee

## 2.1 Substantial Change of Certification

(1) Supplemental certification inspection is required for the increase of farm fields, production/processing lines or substantial change of production/handling facility or operation method. The supplemental certification fee is shown in the table below. For the on-site inspection, actual expenses (1.3 above) and inspector's per diem (1.4 above) are also charged.

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(2) No supplemental certification inspection fee is charged in case the supplemental inspection is carried out during the annual audit inspection as far as the inspection is completed within the time frame of the normal audit inspection. However, additional on-site inspection fee of US\$350/person/day is charged, in case it is required to extend on-site inspection days for the supplemental inspection of the production site(s) due to the remote location, etc.

(Unit: US\$)

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Category	Supplemental certification inspection fee		
	Document inspection	On-site inspection	Total
P1/P1H1	1,000	600	1,600
P2	500	600	1,100
H1	500	600	1,100
H2	1,000	600	1,600
P1H2	1,400	1,200	2,600
P2H1	600	1,200	1,800
P2H2	1,000	1,200	2,200

### 2.2 Minor Change of Certification

- (1) Supplemental certification fee of US\$100/item is charged for the certification of minor change of certification such as increase of the item of agricultural products of production or handling.
- (2) Only document inspection fee on the above table is charged for the addition of the warehouse with the OMIC certification.

### 3. Discount Certification Fee for Collateral Certification

The certification fees on the tables in 1.2 and 2.1 above are discounted at 50% for the applicants of certification, and certified operations who fall under followings:

- (a) Entities to seek collateral organic certifications of JAS and NOP; and
- (b) Entities certified with JAS organic certification by OMIC.

[Note] JAS: Japanese Agricultural Standards, Japan

NOP: National Organic Program, USA

### **4 Issuance Fee of Document Copy**

(Unit: US\$)

Documents	Issuance fee
Certification certificate	20.00/certificate
List of certified producers and handlers	20.00/set

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Report of analysis results for residues or prohibited substances	20.00/report
Other business information permitted by a concerned certified entity	20.00/report
Transaction certificate	50.00/certificate

# 5. Payment and Non-refund of Inspection Fee

- (1) The application fee is nonrefundable, even if the applicant withdraws the application, once OMIC accepted an application with required documents and started examination of them.
- (2) When a applicant withdraws its application at any stage of certification process, the applicant must pay the chargeable on-site inspection fees including items of (b), (c) and (d) as applicable.