

Agenda

National Organic Program’s Strengthening Organic Enforcement Rule (SOE) Problems with pre-2023 law Purposes of new rule Scope and enforcement of new rule	<i>G. Wyard</i>
Certification Requirements for Supply Chain Participants under SOE Legislative and regulatory background Applicability of SOE regulations Exemptions to certification under SOE provisions Requirements for exempt operations Basic import requirements Traceability and fraud prevention On-site and unannounced inspections Labeling of non-retail containers Organic certificates and data reporting	<i>J. Foster</i>
Compliance Requirements for Imported Foods Import certificates - purpose Import certificates - required features Import certificates - procedures	<i>J. Foster</i>
Inspection Requirements and Compliance Basic purpose of inspections Unannounced inspection requirements Mandatory mass balance and traceability audit exercises Inspection preparation	<i>J. Foster</i>
New USDA Standards for Organic Livestock and Poultry Production Current status of organic livestock production Problems with current rules and enforcement Goals of new rule Provisions of new rule Enforcement Expected outcomes Challenges	<i>J. Phillips</i>

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Learning Objectives

- You’ll be able to:**
- Discuss** the scope and enforcement of the National Organic Program’s Strengthening Organic Enforcement Rule (SOE).
 - Review** certification requirements for supply chain participants under SOE.
 - Evaluate** compliance requirements for imported foods.
 - Discuss** the role of inspections as a driver of compliance.
 - Explore** new USDA standards for organic livestock and poultry production.



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Faculty

Gwendolyn Wyard *Founding Partner, Strengthening Organic Systems (SOS)*

Ms. Wyard has worked in organic certification and policy for over 28 years. Prior to SOS, Ms. Wyard served for more than a dozen years as the vice president of Regulatory and Technical Affairs for the Organic Trade Association (OTA) where she worked on the development of policy strategy through regulatory engagement in the interest of OTA's mission and its members. While at the trade association, Ms. Wyard was the lead developer and author of the association's Organic Fraud Prevention Guide, now the industry standard reference for excellence in achieving integrity across complex organic global supply chains. In her early career, Ms. Wyard was an organic farmer, an organic inspector, and served as Oregon Tilth's Technical Specialist in organic policy and technical review of materials for use in organic products. She holds an advanced degree in Fermentation Science, served on the OMRI Board of Directors for 12 years and was the North American representative on the Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS) Advisory Board. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for Pennsylvania Certified Organic (PCO).

John Foster *Chief Operating Officer, Wolf & Associates*

Mr. Foster is passionate about all things organic. His experiences over 30 years in the organic sector are as diverse as the organic industry itself - farming in Oregon, serving on the National Organic Standards Board, organic inspection and certification management, organic business development, supply chain strategy, and change management, among others. Mr. Foster works across all areas of the agency and especially relishes working with innovative ideas and long-term strategic initiatives, bringing positive change through enterprising, impactful, and creative problem solving. A current focus area is expanding W&A's advisory capacity to best serve all facets of the organic community, addressing near-term demands as well as long-term aspirations.

Johanna Phillips

Director of Business Development and Technical Affairs Strengthening Organic Systems

Mr. Phillips brings a fusion of agricultural heritage, regulatory expertise, and organic certification expertise. With roots in a third-generation farm, education in animal science, and a lifetime of hands-on involvement in animal production, she approaches food production with a combination of traditional insight and an eye toward ecological health. Currently living on a small farm and continuing in the family beef production business, her practical experience enriches her professional endeavors. As a seasoned organic certification expert, Ms. Phillips champions equitable enforcement of regulations to support farmers and safeguard industry integrity. Her role in critical interagency fraud investigations underscores her commitment to strong organic standards. As a previous leader in the Idaho State Department of Agriculture and global sustainable certification leader Ecocert, formerly an OTA Board Member, she blends regulatory knowledge with industry foresight, offering valuable insights to professionals navigating organic agriculture laws.

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