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### US-Korea Equivalence Arrangement Acknowledgment

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, the United States and Korea announced an equivalence arrangement, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. Please confirm that the products requesting a Korean NAQS Import Certificate comply with the terms of this Arrangement, which are:

- Only “processed products” as defined in the Korean Food Code are covered under the agreement.
 

“Processed food” refers to a food manufactured, processed and packaged by adding food or food additives to food raw materials (agricultural, forestry, livestock, or marine products), transforming food raw materials (such as grinding or cutting) till their original form cannot be recognized, or mixing such transformed ones or adding food or food additives to such mixture. However, where, without the use of food additives or other materials, the agricultural, forestry, livestock, or marine products are simply cut, peeled, salted, ripened, or heated (except the cases where heating is performed for sterilization or heating causes significant changes to those products) till their original forms can be recognized or where sanitary risks from treatment processes are not expected and food raw materials are simply treated so as to allow organoleptic identification of food quality, such food products are excluded from the definition of the processed food.
- Products are certified to the National Organic Program (NOP) as Organic (contain at least 95 percent organic ingredients).
- The final processing (as defined in the Korean Food Code) occurs in the United States.
- Products do not contain apples and pears produced with the use of antibiotics.
- Products are labeled according to Korea’s Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (MAFRA) organic labeling requirements. Specifically, labels must include the following information:
  - “Manufactured by”
  - “Packaged in: USA”
  - The “Certified Organic By” statement
  - Telephone number of the Seller or Importer
  - Certificate number
    - Your QAI certificate number is the letter “C” followed by 8 numbers and possibly a letter.
    - Correct Examples: C0412097 or C0412097B
    - Incorrect Example: C0412097-1 (-1 is a version number that changes annually)
  - Labels may include the Korean Organic Food Label and/or USDA Organic seal.
  - The word ‘organic’ may be in English or Korean.

A. Provide the name and city/state of organic manufacturer of finished product (must be in USA).

Product Name	Manufacturer	City	State

- ✓ Attach an organic certificate for the manufacturer(s) (required to accompany shipment).
- ✓ Attach manufacturer specification sheet(s), listing ingredients (required to accompany shipment).

B. Provide the name and city/state of organic operation that packaged finished product, if different than above.

Product Name	Final Repacker	City	State

C. Provide the product lot# and shipping container mark:

Lot # (s)	Shipping Container Mark(s)

D. By signing this document, you are confirming that you are an authorized representative for your company and also confirming that you understand and agree to abide by the Equivalence Arrangement Terms outlined above.

Name	Signature	Date
Company Name	Company Address	