

Inspection & Certification Report

Organic production methods

Scope of this report:

X	Regulation (EEC) No. 834/2007 and 889/2008
X	National Organic Program (NOP)
X	Japanese Agricultural Standards (JAS)

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	809465F-04(PRD 047205)	EU, NOP, JAS
	Processing Units	
	809465D-01(PRC 009629)	EU, NOP, JAS
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1. Methodology

Control Union Certifications (CU), a member of the Control Union World Group is an international inspection and certification body and is accredited by the Dutch Council for Accreditation on the European quality standard EN 45011 for the inspection and certification of CU Organic program according to the EU regulation 834/2007 and 889/2008.

Control Union Certifications has also been accredited under the USDA National Organic Program (NOP) by the United States Department of Agriculture and by the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF). Control Union Certifications is allowed to performs inspection and certification among others in the fields of organic production (NOP, EU, JAS), input, textile production, Organic Exchange, Global GAP, FSC, PEFC, HACCP, BRC, GMP, GTP and ISO 9001. (a copy of the accreditation certificates can be obtained from the CU website (www.controlunion.com/certification)).

Inspection and certification is carried out in conformity with the procedures as laid down in the procedure manual and in the program manual for the inspector and certifier. During the inspection the qualified CU inspectors use standardised inspection forms to record their findings. These inspection forms are a substantial part of this inspection & certification report.

Based on this inspection report, specification forms and if applicable, the results of the analyses, the certifier reviews and evaluates all information provided and certify the products when all conditions of the regulations are fulfilled. The result of the evaluation is documented in Chapter 7. Inspection work by the inspector and certification by the certifier are clearly separated activities.

2. Report and inspection forms

This inspection and certification report is made in accordance with the CU program and procedure manual and Council Regulation (EEC) No 834/2007 and 889/2008, with the National Organic Program of the United States Department of Agriculture, with the Japanese Agricultural Standards (JAS) and with the requirements of the Canadian Organic Regime.

2.1 Products

For each certified product a product description is given on the product specification form. In this form the ingredients and used processing aids are indicated. The compliance of the product with the applicable standards is assessed.

During the inspection the CU inspector assesses whether a permanent system to ensure the non-utilization of GMO and GMO-derivatives is in place on all stages of the production chain.

2.2 Processing units

For each processing unit a process description is given on the process specification form. The compliance of the process with the applicable standards is assessed with the assessment form.

2.3 Agricultural units (individual farmers)

For each agricultural unit a description of the production system is given on the Organic System Plan (there is one for plant production and one for animal production). Information on the cropping plan is given on the field specification form. Information on the latest use of disallowed substances (such as artificial fertilisers and pesticides) is recorded on the field history form, only used during the first inspection.

The compliance of the agricultural unit with the applicable standards is assessed with the assessment form (there is one for plant production and one for animal production).

2.4 Agricultural units (farmer groups)

Agricultural units consisting of a group of farmers and an Internal Control System are referred to as farmer groups. In the OSP for small holder farmer group a description of the internal control system is given. The compliance of the farmer group with the applicable standards is assessed with the assessment form.

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Internal Control System (ICS)

The CU inspector checks the farmer group by cross-checking the findings of the ICS with his own findings and thus performs a kind of “system” audit.

The CU inspector uses the results of the ICS when inspecting farmers and fields.

Farmer group

During the inspection Control Union Certifications has evaluated the Internal Control System and found the following (unless otherwise mentioned in Chapter 5.3 (outstanding non-conformities)

Farmer agreements covering compliance with organic standards and ICS are available.

The ICS has a written quality system, which define the procedures, responsibilities in the management of the grower group and actions to be taken in instances of non-compliance with standards (sanctions).

All the farms and fields of the members are inspected at least once a year by the field officer.

The field officers employed by the ICS-organisation are trained, qualified and independent.

Maps indicating individual fields per member, preparation and storage facilities are available.

Consequently the functionality and effectiveness of the ICS can be confirmed.

3. Scope of inspection

This is the annual surveillance announced inspection of Nilmini Estate (Pvt.) Ltd. Project for the year 2019 which carried on 2020. Two (02) agricultural units and two (02) processing units were inspected for EU, NOP and JAS standards for the audit period of 2019.

4. General description of the project

Nilmini Estate (Pvt.) Ltd. project consists of two (02) agricultural units and two (02) processing units. This is a follow-up audit for the project of Nilmini Estate for 2019 carried out on the year 2020. Composted materials are used as fertilizers. Pest and diseases are controlled by means of high bio diversity, promoting the survival of natural enemies, planting disease tolerable plants, using disease free planting materials, weeding and maintaining field sanitation. The fields are separated from the neighbouring lands by means of well grown buffer zones.

Processing units are located in the same land of the production unit F-01 and it produces tea using only physical processing operations. Raw materials are taken only from own agricultural units of the organic project.

5. Findings

5.1 Compliance evaluation

During the inspection and certification process Control Union Certifications has evaluated the project and found it in conformity with the applicable regulations and all its amending changes and, when applicable CU standards (unless otherwise mentioned in Chapter 5.3 (outstanding non-conformities)).

5.2 Settled non-conformities

Below an overview is given of the implementation of non-conformities given during the last inspection (see also latest report).

Non-conformities were not raised for this inspection.

5.3 Outstanding non-conformities

Below an overview is given of new or revised non-conformities recorded during the inspection.

In case of open non-conformities Control Union Certifications will not make a positive certification decision for the concerned units/products.

5.4 Sampling

The CU inspector will collect a sample for routine control or if there is reason to believe that the agricultural input or product come into contact with a prohibited substance. The samples will be chemically analysed for residues of prohibited substances, for example pesticides, herbicides and fungicides. The operator will be informed about the results of the residue analysis of the samples.

Three samples were drawn during this inspection.

Unit no.	Product	Seal numbers		
		Client	CU	Laboratory
D-01	Green leaf (Tea)	C 014367	C 014368	C 014366
F-04 farmer no - 783, 848, 504	Leaves	C 014369	C 014365	C 014364
F-01	Paddy	C 014362	C 014363	C 014361

Detection were not found in the samples according to lab analysis reports.

6. Yield estimate

Below the total yield estimate for agricultural units is given for the current growing season.

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Growing season: 2018-2019 Yield (Units covered during this inspection only)

Organic Yield (EU, NOP, JAS)

Raw product	Status	Ton	Processed product(s)	Loss %
Arecanut	Organic	2441250 (nuts)		
Paddy	Organic	4.80		
Banana	Organic	57.09		
Cinnamon	Organic	3.62		
Cloves	Organic	0.16		
Coconuts	Organic	75760 (nuts)		
King Coconut	Organic	3000 (nuts)		
Kamaranga leaves	Organic	0.03		
Garcinia	Organic	0.75		
Ginger	Organic	0.20		
Centella asiatica (Gotu kola)	Organic	2.00		
Kithul palm sap	Organic	0.40		
Papaya	Organic	1.25		
Pepper	Organic	2.38		
Pineapples	Organic	5.12		
Tea	Organic	1530.04		
Turmeric	Organic	0.23		
Heen bovitiya	Organic	0.10		
Thebu	Organic	0.15		
Thulsida	Organic	0.10		
Peppermint	Organic	0.10		
Thulsi	Organic	0.10		
Lemon Grass	Organic	0.20		
Vanilla	Organic	0.40		
Rambutan	Organic	0.04		
Lime	Organic	0.50		
Guava	Organic	0.50		
Sweet orange	Organic	0.50		
Ugurassa	Organic	0.10		
Cashew	Organic	0.10		
Pomegranate	Organic	0.05		
Weralu (Elaeocarpus serratus)	Organic	0.05		
Avocado	Organic	0.30		
Lovi	Organic	0.05		
Ambarella	Organic	0.10		

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Raw product	Status	Ton	Processed product(s)	Loss %
Arecanut	Organic	2441250 (nuts)		
Paddy	Organic	4.80		
Mango	Organic	1.00		

In conversion (EU, JAS)

Raw product	Status	Ton	Processed product(s)	Loss %
Tea	In conversion	162.17		
Cinnamon	In conversion	0.313		
Pepper	In conversion	0.96		
Coconut	In conversion	15760 (nuts)		
Banana	In conversion	47.24		
Clove	In conversion	0.01		
Arecanut	In conversion	40000 (nuts)		

7. Certification

7.1 Certification decision

Based on the review and evaluation of the inspection results Control Union Certifications hereby confirms the certified status of product(s) and related agricultural and processing unit(s) listed on the presently valid scope certificate.

7.2 Additions and/or changes of certification

In this paragraph it is indicated, which products, agricultural and processing units are changed or added to the scope certificate based on the last inspection and/or relevant documents. Products will only be added to the scope certificate when approved product specifications are available.

Agricultural units:

Unit no.	Name unit	Organic		In conversion*		Type of production and products	Added/changed
		Ha	Farmer	Ha	Farmer		
F-04	Nilmini Estate Organic Out Grower Unit			108.00 ha (IC1)	86 (IC1)	Bananas, Cinnamon, Cloves,	Added to IC1 for EU, NOP & JAS (New)
				2.2 ha (IC3)	3 (IC3)	Coconuts, Garcinia, kitul sap, Pepper, Rambutan,	Upgraded to IC3 for EU, NOP & JAS (Changed due to withdrawals)
				16.00 ha (IC2)	32 (IC2)	Tea, Avocado/Bo huu co, Areca nut, Kamaranga (Star fruit) Leaves	Upgraded to IC2 for EU, NOP & JAS (Changed due to withdrawals)
		75.56 ha	105				F-03 unit added to this unit with (14.16 ha & 1 farmer)

Products:

Product No.	Name product	Product category	Single/Multi-ingredient	Processing unit no.	Added/changed
P 008336	Paddy	Organic, 100% Organic	Single	D-01	Added to EU, JAS and NOP
P 045414	Arecanut	Organic, 100% Organic	Single	D-01	Added to EU, JAS and NOP
P 187778	Kamaranga (Star fruit) Leaves	Organic, 100% Organic	Single	D-01	Added to EU, JAS and NOP

* Fields/farmers under IC 1 status for EU or JAS and/or under IC1/IC2/IC3 status for USDA-NOP are not included in the certificate.

7.3 Withdrawals of certification

In this paragraph it is indicated, which products, agricultural and processing units are withdrawn from the scope certificate based on the last inspection and/or other relevant documentation and/or available information.

*F-03 Unit withdrawn from this project and added to the F-04 unit. Also Below mentioned withdrawals happened in the F-04 unit.

Unit no.	Name unit	Organic		In conversion*		Type of production and products	Added/changed
		Ha	Farme r	Ha	Farm er		
F-04	Nilmini Estate Organic Out Grower Unit			14.89 ha (IC2)	28 (IC2)	Bananas, Cinnamon, Cloves, Coconuts, Garcinia, kitul sap, Pepper, Rambutan, Tea, Avocado/Bo huu co, Areca nut, Kamaranga (Star fruit) Leaves	Withdrawn from EU, NOP, JAS due to client's request by an application.
				2.56 ha (IC3)	7 (IC3)		Withdrawn from EU, NOP, JAS due to client's request by an application.
		13.87 ha	30				Withdrawn from EU, NOP, JAS due to client's request by an application.
F-03	Nathagala Estate	14.16 ha	1			Aloe vera Bananas Cinnamon Coconuts Guava Lime Pepper Pineapples Rambutan Tea Sweet Orange lovi Pomegranate Lemongrass Weralu (Elaeocarpus serratus) Avocado/Bo huu co Mango Ambarella Ugurassa Cashew	Withdrawn from EU and NOP and added to F-04 unit.

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Inspected and certified product(s) and related agricultural and processing unit(s) are listed on the presently valid scope certificate.