



**Certifying Agent
Accreditation Application Affirmation**



State of California
California Department of Food and Agriculture

Affirmation

I (We) affirm that, if granted accreditation, I (we) will carry out the provisions of the OCal regulations, including:

- a. Accepting the certification decisions made by another certifying agent accredited or accepted by the department;
- b. Refraining from making false or misleading claims about my (our) accreditation status, the OCal accreditation program for certifying agents, or the nature or qualities of products labeled as OCal;
- c. Conducting an annual performance evaluation of all persons who review applications for certification, perform on-site inspections, review certification documents, evaluate qualifications for certification, make recommendations concerning certification, or make certification decisions, and implement measures to correct any deficiencies in certification services;
- d. Having an annual internal program review of my (our) certification activities by myself, my (our) staff, an outside auditor, or a consultant who has the expertise to conduct such reviews and implement measures to correct any noncompliances with the provisions of the OCal regulations;
- e. Paying and submitting fees to the department;
- f. Complying with, implementing, and carrying out any other terms and conditions determined by the department to be necessary;

The following apply only to private entities:

- g. Holding the department harmless for any failure on my (our) part to carry out the provisions of the regulations;
- h. Furnishing reasonable security, in an amount and according to such terms as the department may by regulation prescribe, for the purpose of protecting the rights of production and handling operations that I (we) certify under the regulations; and
- i. Transferring to and making available to the department all records or copies of records concerning my (our) certification activities in the event that I (we) dissolve or lose my (our) accreditation. Except that such transfer does not apply to a merger, sale, or other transfer of ownership of a certifying agent.

Signature of Applicant or Representative

Signature	Date
Title	

Receipt (for internal use only)

Date received	Received by	Recipient signature
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