

The purpose of this form is to affirm that the applicant is responsible for complying with all applicable laws and regulations. This form applies to producers and handlers seeking certification of hemp materials.

Background information:

Although it has been legal to import and sell organic hemp since 2004, there may be other applicable state and federal laws and regulations that govern such activities. Organic certification only verifies compliance with United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Organic Program regulations. Such certification does not represent compliance with any other law or regulation.

Based on the 2014 Farm Bill, the USDA requires certifiers to confirm that a state has an industrial hemp agricultural pilot research program before certifying hemp grown in that state. OneCert requires hemp producers to submit a copy of their state license or registration as confirmation.

The [2018 Farm Bill](#) makes hemp a legal agricultural crop and removes it from the list of controlled substances. All products covered by the definition of hemp may be certified organic.

“Subtitle G—Hemp Production “SEC. 297A. DEFINITIONS. “In this subtitle: “(1) HEMP.—The term ‘hemp’ means the plant *Cannabis sativa* L. and any part of that plant, including the seeds thereof and all derivatives, extracts, cannabinoids, isomers, acids, salts, and salts of isomers, whether growing or not, with a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of not more than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis.”

Although the 2018 Farm Bill makes the earlier law obsolete, the USDA has not yet rescinded its NOP Handbook [Instruction on Organic Certification of Industrial Hemp Production](#) which is based on the earlier law. The 2018 Farm Bill provides for a federal license to grow hemp in states that do not have their own licensing program. However, it may take some time before the federal licensing program is implemented.

Affirmation:

On behalf of the operation named below, I declare that I have read the background information listed above and that I am responsible for assuring that the hemp requested for organic certification by the operation listed below is produced in compliance with applicable laws or regulations.

Name of Operation:

Location of Operation:

Print Name of Responsible Representative:

Title and/or Position:

Signature of Responsible Representative

Date