

Grade Labeling Format and Labeling Methods for Organic Products of Plant Origin, Organic Feed, Organic Livestock Products and Organic Processed Foods

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1. Scope of Application

This document specifies the grade labeling format and labeling methods of the Organic Products of Plant Origin, Organic Livestock Products and Organic Processed Foods, that are produced by the certified production process managers and the overseas certified production process managers (who are certified in accordance with Article 10 - (2) and Article 30 - (2) of the Act on Japanese Agricultural Standards (Act No. 175 of 1950)).

2. Grade Labeling Format of Organic Products of Plant Origin, Organic Livestock Products and Organic Processed Foods

The grade labeling format of the Organic Products of Plant Origin, Organic Livestock Products and Organic Processed Foods is shown in Figure-1 and is subject to the provisions specified in a) ~ e).

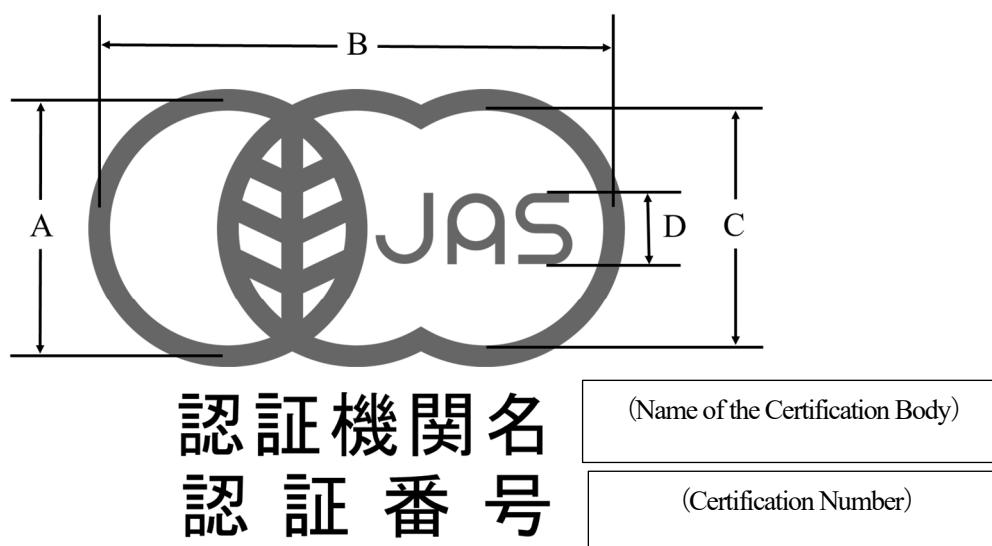


Figure 1: The grade labeling format of the Organic Products of Plant Origin, Organic Livestock Products and Organic Processed Foods

- The length of A must be not less than 5 mm
- The length of B must be twice as long as the length of A, the length of D must be 3/10 (three-tenths) of the length of C
- The character height of “認証機関名” (Name of the Certification Body) must be the same as D
- Abbreviation may be used for (Name of the Certification Body).
- Certification Number may be omitted in the cases where such product type (organic products of plant origin, organic livestock products or organic processed foods) and operation type (production process managers, re-packers, overseas production process managers, overseas re-packers or importers) can be identified by the information described on the package, container or invoice of the relevant products (organic products of plant origin, organic livestock products or organic processed foods) in accordance with the provisions of the related laws and regulations.

3. Grade Labeling Format of Organic Feed

The grade labeling format of the Organic Feed is shown in Figure-2 and is subject to the provisions specified in a) ~ e).

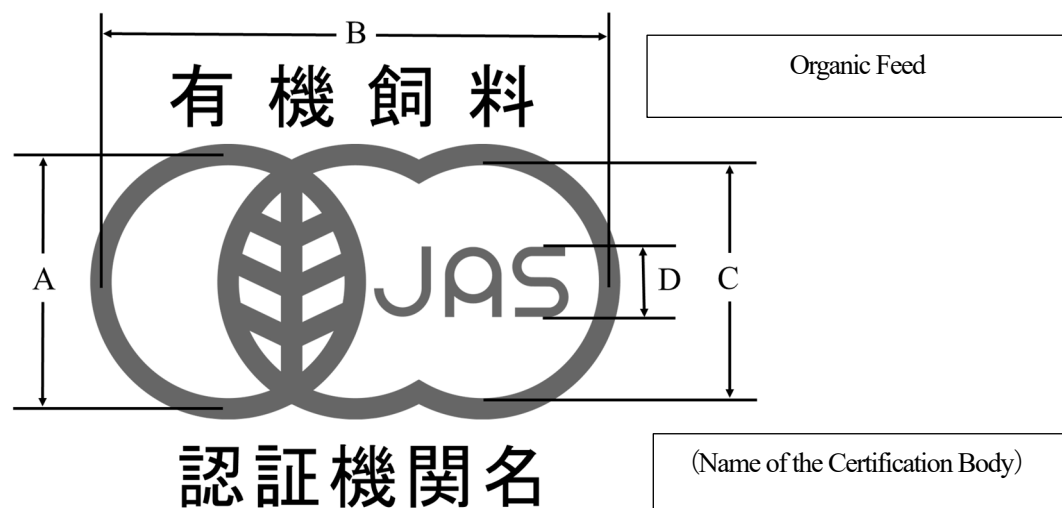


Figure 2: The grade labeling format of the Organic Feed

- a) The length of A must be not less than 5 mm
- b) The length of B must be twice as long as the length of A, the length of D must be 3/10 (three-tenths) of the length of C
- c) The character height of “有機飼料” (Organic Feed)” must be the same as D
- d) The character height of “認証機関名” (Name of the Certification Body) must be the same as D
- e) Abbreviation may be used for the (Name of the Certification Body).

4. Grade Labeling Methods

Grade Labeling Methods are subject to the following terms and conditions:

- a) Grade labels must be affixed to each product (organic products of plant origin, organic feed, organic livestock products or organic processed foods), container or package in a visible location, or its invoice.
- b) It is permissible to display any characters (letters), pictures, or any other items, that indicate the contents of Japanese Agricultural Standard for grading, may be placed adjacent to Grade Labeling Format on the label. In such case, it is not permissible to display any items that may cause general consumers to misunderstand its content.

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The Form and the Method of Grading Labels for Organic Feed (Notification No.1615 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries) shall be repealed.

Supplementary Provisions

This Joint Public Notice comes into effect on July 31, 2024.