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STORAGE FACILITY AFFIDAVIT

National Organic Program section 205.101(b)(1) allows organic operations to send their products to non-certified facilities as long as the products are packaged or otherwise enclosed in a container prior to being received or acquired. Organic products must remain in the same package or container and may not be repacked or re-labeled while in the control of the non-certified facility. GCIACOP can waive the requirement for an annual inspection of facilities if the facility complies with the requirements to safeguard the organic products from contacting prohibited substances. To request a waiver of inspection:

- ▶ The manager of the facility must answer the questions below.
- ▶ Copies of the Storage Facility Affidavit must be kept by both the GCIACOP certified operation and the facility.
- ▶ The Storage Facility Affidavit must be submitted to GCIACOP annually by the certified operation.

Date: _____

Name of Facility: _____

Manager or Owner: _____

Physical Address: _____

Name of GCIACOP certified operation using this facility: _____

Which type(s) of storage occur here: Dry Cold Freezer High Pressure Pasteurization (HPP)

Other _____

Please complete the table below to describe the storage activities:

	Yes	No
1 Does the storage facility implement necessary measures to protect the organic product from contacting prohibited substances such as pesticides?		
2 Does the GCIACOP certified operation retain ownership of the product during storage at the non-certified facility?		
3 Is the organic product packaged or enclosed in a container prior to being received and does it remain in that enclosed container while it is in storage at the non-certified facility?		
4 Do the appropriate records indicate that the product is "organic"?		
5 Are the records detailed enough to disclose description and amounts of organic products transferred, and to link any lot numbers assigned by the GCIACOP-certified operation with tracking numbers or lot numbers assigned at the facility?		
6 If pesticide fogging is performed or pesticide sprays are applied to areas where packaged or otherwise enclosed organic products are stored, are the organic products removed prior to application or covered with impermeable coverings, or otherwise protected from contacting pesticides and is this documented with written records? <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable, no pesticide applications		
7 Does the storage facility further process the organic product, including sorting, culling, icing, hydro cooling or hydro vacuuming?		
8 Does the storage facility label or re-label the organic product?		
9 Does the storage facility apply any substance to the organic product or its permeable or unsealed packaging or container, including water, ethylene or controlled atmosphere treatment?		

In order to qualify for an inspection waiver, the answer to questions 1-6 must be "YES" and questions 7-9 must be "NO"

Name (Facility Manager)

Signature

Date

GCIACOP reserves the right to inspect any facility storing organic product owned by a GCIACOP certified operation as specified in NOP 205.400. If it is determined that the facility has misrepresented policies or procedures as stated on this waiver, or acts in a manner that might jeopardize organic integrity or tracking of the organic product, the GCIACOP client using the facility will be notified. The GCIACOP client will be held responsible for correcting any noncompliance issues according to the timeline set by GCIACOP.