

1 RECEIVE APPLICATION

- ✓ Accomplished application form
- ✓ PGS manual of operations
- ✓ Certificate of compliance

2 TECHNICAL REVIEW

Review by the Accreditation Section of Organic Agriculture Division. Emphasizes on the PGS manual of Operation

PSG MANUAL CONTAINS:

- STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION
- RESOURCE REQUIREMENT
- CERTIFICATION ACTIVITIES
- PROCESS REQUIREMENT
- RECORD MANAGEMENT

3 PREPARE AUDIT PLAN

-to verify the effective implementation of the PGS Group's internal standards, policies, and procedures

4 CONDUCT OF AUDIT

OFFICE AUDIT	MAJOR NC
WITNESS	MINOR NC

MAJOR NON-COMPLIANCE (NC)

- systematic failure or significant deficiency

MINOR NON-COMPLIANCE (NC)

- isolated lapse in the content or implementation of the standards, procedures, or records.

5 MONITORING OF CCAP
(Correction & Corrective Action Plan)

To monitor the implementation of CCAP until all NCs are resolved.

6 DECISION-MAKING AND GRANTING OF ACCREDITATION

To deliberate on the recommendation/s of the Audit Team and recommend a decision to the BAFS Director

In case of positive recommendation...

OAD-AS will draft Accreditation Certificate

In case of negative recommendation...

OAD-AS will inform the applicant of the decision. Applicant may re-apply after 3 months

7 ISSUANCE OF ACCREDITATION CERTIFICATE & PARTICIPATORY ORGANIC CERTIFICATES (POC)

ACCREDITATION CERTIFICATE

- valid for five (5) years

POC– valid for three (3) years

8 ANNUAL SURVEILLANCE

OAD-AS shall conduct annual surveillance to ensure continued compliance of PGS Groups.

The surveillance shall take into consideration the previous results of BAFS monitoring, complaints and appeals, and verification of effective implementation of the compliance to previous findings, if any.

ACCREDITATION

- the procedure by which BAFS formally recognizes the competence of an Organic Certifying Body (OCB) to provide inspection and certification services.

CRITERIA FOR ACCREDITATION OF PGS GROUP



Must be registered with the municipality/city where the PGS group is predominantly located



Must have a physical office for the day-to-day operations of the PGS Group



Must have established internal standards, policies, and procedures



Must have five (5) members certified by BAFS as organic practitioners

RENEWAL

- accredited PGS group shall apply for renewal at least three (3) months prior to the expiration of accreditation certificate.
- Renewal application treated as a new application

KEY MESSAGES:

Accreditation is the procedure to which BAFS recognizes the PGS group's competence to provide inspection and certification services as an OCB

During the two stages of audit the PGS group shall be assessed to determine whether its processes adhere to the established Manual of Operations of the PGS group and existing government regulations.

If and when a PGS group is granted accreditation by BAFS, the Certificate of Compliance issued by BAFS to the core PGS group members will be replaced with a Participatory Organic Certificate, now providing privileges such as labeling of products as "organic," and the use of the Philippine PGS Guaranteed Organic Mark.



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ORGANIC AGRICULTURE PARTICIPATORY GUARANTEE SYSTEM (PGS) GROUP ACCREDITATION: as ORGANIC CERTIFYING BODY (OCB)

SOURCE :

PGS Manual, Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards