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## Policy Memorandum

**To:** Stakeholders and Interested Parties

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**Subject:** California State Organic Program, Additional Requirements Granted

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The National Organic Program (NOP) has granted additional requirements that supplement NOP regulations to the California State Organic Program (SOP), co-administered by the California Department of Food and Agriculture, and the California Department of Public Health. The additional requirements include:

- Organic producers and handlers of raw agricultural products with facilities located within the State of California must register with the California Department of Agriculture county agricultural commissioner.
- Organic processors with facilities located within the State of California must register with the California Department of Public Health.
- Organic producers, processors and handlers within the State of California must provide verification of SOP registration to the accredited certifying agent prior to the granting or continuation of NOP certification.
- USDA Accredited certifying agents operating within the State of California must register with the California Department of Agriculture and pay registration fees.

**Document Control:**

This document supersedes “California State Organic Program, Additional Requirements Granted” notice dated May 12, 2010, which is now obsolete.