



Organic Aquaculture

Aquaculture refers to the cultivation of seaweeds, aquatic plants or animals in a controlled or managed environment.

Like the Canadian Organic Agriculture Standard, the Standard was developed by a multi-stakeholder committee of volunteers from all sectors, including consumers. CIAI has a representative on the committee that develops and regularly reviews and revises this standard.

Aquaculture is not covered by the Canadian Organic Agriculture Standard and, consequently, is not covered by the 2009 regulation requiring organic agricultural products to meet the Standard. Organic Aquaculture remains a voluntary claim and, while it should meet the Canadian General Standards Board's [National Standard of Canada for Organic Aquaculture](#) (CAN/CGSB 32.312), this is not a requirement.

The Standard outlines principles for organic aquaculture production and specifies the minimum criteria that should be met when aquaculture products, their inputs and other products used in aquaculture production are defined as organic.

In order to demonstrate that an aquaculture product described as organic actually conforms to the voluntary national standard, producers or processors may ask **an independent certifying body** to certify the product - but this is not a requirement. A food that has been certified by a certification body may be labelled as "organic" and bear the logo of the certification body. The product may not bear the Canada organic logo.

For further information on the [National Standard of Canada for Organic Aquaculture](#), see the [frequently asked questions \(FAQ\) here](#).

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