

Dear Sir/Madam,

Korea and EU made an agreement to make and use the temporary certification number consisted of CB code and operator ID for imports from EU under the Korea-EU equivalency arrangement since 1 January, 2020.

Operators have a transition period until 31 March, 2020, on the use of temporary certification number, considering the remaining stocks of products with the previously given certification number such as an issue number of certificate of conformity and client ID, etc.

Recently there was requests from US NOP and importers in Korea to extend the transition period of the certification number. According to the requests, NAQS made a decision to extend the period of transition to use previous certification number until 1 August, 2020. Therefore, it is allowed to import organic products labeled previous certification number until the shipment dated of 1 August, 2020 only if both previously given certification number and temporary certification number are listed in the box 3 of the NAQS import certificate.

NAQS looks forward to seeing the official certification number system, not the temporary certification number by the implementation of new EU regulation on 2021.

Best regards,