


The review of the Canadian Organic Standards



OFC/FBC

- created in 2007
- Mandate: maintenance of the Canadian Organic Standards – the review and the interpretation of the COS
- Co-manager of the Organic Science Cluster I and II – preparing Organic Science Cluster III
- General support to operators – surveys, consultations, communications



Organic agriculture,
where each word is
significant

**7.5.3 Hydroponic and aeroponic
productions are prohibited.**



7.5.6 Supplemental heat, with proper exhaust of burnt gasses, **and supplemental lighting**, are permitted.

Supplemental nutrition with substances listed in Table 4.2 of CAN/CGSB-32.311, is permitted.



The Canadian Organic Standards are a 'national' standard - referenced by the Organic Products Regulations

All national standards have to be reviewed every five years

- to maintain their 'national' status,
- ensure that they remain valid, applicable,
- in tune with latest research developments,
- and comparable to the standards of our trading partners.



The standard review process

A process based on transparency and consensus that involves industry consultations

- The industry is invited to propose modifications
- Any grower, stakeholder or consumer can suggest modifications



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**National Standard of Canada for Organic Agriculture / Norme nationale du Canada pour l'agriculture biologique
Revision Proposal Form / Formulaire pour proposition de révision - CAN/CGSB-32.310-2015**

The present form should be used by stakeholders requesting modifications to the Canadian Organic Standard – CAN/CGSB-32.310-2015, *Organic Production Systems – General Principles and Management Standards*. Please note that you should justify and provide a clear explanation of why you are requesting a modification. Unclear requests could be put aside. Thanks for your interest.

Le présent formulaire doit être utilisé par les intervenants qui demandent une modification à la Norme biologique canadienne – CAN/CGSB-32.310-2015, *Systèmes de production biologique – Principes généraux et normes de gestion*. Veuillez noter que vous devez fournir une explication claire et justifier votre demande de modification. Les demandes qui ne sont pas claires pourraient être ignorées. Merci pour votre intérêt.

Section I

Company Name / Nom de l'entreprise	
Contact Name / Nom	
Mailing Address / Coordonnées	
Telephone / Téléphone	
Web Site / Site Web	
Email Address / Adresse de courriel	
Date Submitted / Date de la demande	

**Section II CAN/CGSB-32.310-2015
Organic Production Systems — General Principles and Management Standards
Systèmes de production biologique — Principes généraux et normes de gestion**

Please complete this section if you request a modification to the Principles and Management standards in organic production / Veuillez remplir cette section si vous demandez une modification aux principes et normes de gestion en production biologique.	
Standard Section Number Numéro de la section de la norme	
Proposed Change (include proposed wording) / Modificatif proposée (inclure le libellé proposé)	

Rationale /Justification
Background Information and References / Information de base et références

This form was collaboratively prepared by CGSB and the Organic Federation of Canada (OFC). OFC is currently mandated by the CGSB Technical Committee on Organic Agriculture to receive and compile all proposals in preparation for the next revision of the standard.

Ce formulaire est une collaboration de l'ONGC et de la Fédération biologique du Canada (FBC). Le comité technique sur l'agriculture biologique de l'ONGC a confié à la FBC le mandat de recevoir et de compiler toutes les propositions, et ce, en prévision de la prochaine révision de la norme.

Please send you completed forms to:

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You may also send a copy to:

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Working groups are created to analyze proposed modifications and make recommendations


Up to 10 WGs

Crop, Livestock, Preparation, Greenhouse, Sprouts, Honey, Permitted Substances Lists for Crop production, etc

You can join a Working Group –
info@organicfederation.ca

- Modifications to COS are submitted to public comment
- The CGSB Committee on organic agriculture -also named Technical Committee – analyzes WGs’ recommendations, and votes



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- Negative comments and votes have to be resolved
 - Preparation of final text and approbation by the Standards Council of Canada

Revised standard shall be published
by November 2020

Funding of the COS review

- AAFC will cover CGSB fees - \$ 250,000
- AAFC will also cover translation fees
- The OFC is applying under CAAP (AAFC program) to fund the industry consultations (management of the Working groups, honorarium to the Chair of the Technical Committee, communication, etc.)



QUESTIONS