



Certification Contract

**Between
Demeter Canada and the Operation certified by Demeter Canada**

Preamble

Demeter Canada is the owner of the trademark “Demeter” in Canada, registration number TMA412917.

The **demeter** Production Standards are complete and detailed standards of production for biodynamic farms. The International **demeter** Processing Standards are complete and detailed standards for biodynamic processing. The ‘Standards for the labelling of demeter products with the new demeter trademark logo’ are complete standards for the use of the demeter trademark. The **demeter** Standards refers to the three documents identified above, published and updated by Demeter International e.V., and available for observation or download from www.demeter.net.

The organic Standards shall be those standards accepted for use in the respective provinces. The 'British Columbia Certified Organic Guidebook' governs organic production in BC.

The certification documents include the **demeter** Standards, organic Standards, Farm certification Process (FCP) manual, Application for Farm Certification, Farm Inspection Report, Farm Certification Contract, Fee schedule, Confidentiality and certification committee mandate agreement, certificate, and any rulings provided in writing from the certification committee.

The certification committee is appointed in each region by the respective biodynamic Society, which is member to Demeter Canada, currently existing in British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec. The committees report to Demeter Canada.

The inspector shall be accredited by the International Organic Inspection Agency, for organic farm verification. In addition, the inspector will be trained in **demeter** inspection, unless such an inspector is unavailable.

The 'applicant' refers to any farm producer who has submitted a complete application for farm certification, including attachments and appropriate signature and dating.

The representatives of Demeter Canada shall serve as the appeals committee.

Therefore:

- 1) The applicant shall be familiar with the **demeter** Standards and the organic Standards requirements, and will observe all provisions of the certification documents. (Please note policies in the FCP manual).

- 2) The certification committee reserves the right to inquire about any farm production types, amounts, origins and handling / processing procedures.
- 3) The applicant will cooperate with the inspector during a pre-arranged farm visit, during which the inspector will collect information for the production of a report. A copy of the report will be submitted to the grower / applicant.
- 4) In the event of an unsatisfactory ruling by the certification committee, the applicant may submit a written appeal to the board of Demeter Canada, as per the FCP manual.
- 5) A certificate signed by a Demeter Canada representative will be sent to the accepted applicant, stipulating the category of certification as well as the production types and source. Trademark usage depends on the certification category.
- 6) This contract is not itself valid until a signed certificate has been issued to the applicant.
- 7) This contract does not in itself constitute any rights to use the **demeter** trademarks.
- 8) This contract will be kept in the applicants farm file, with Demeter Canada.
- 9) It is the applicant's responsibility to keep record of all certification documents and correspondence for their own perusal. Demeter Canada will maintain the master file.
- 10) Signing of this contract validates the Confidentiality and Certification Committee Mandate Agreement, details of which are summarized in the FCP manual.
- 11) The application will be considered when all attachments are complete, including appropriate signature and dating. A rejection of application is subject to the terms laid out in the FCP manual.

In testimony thereof the farm manager(s) have signed, and are hereby requesting application review, for the purpose of **demeter** certification (or conversion):

manager 1 (print name)

manager 2 (print name)

signature

signature

Date

Date

witness

Date