



PROCESSING PLANT



CAN PROCESSING ACTIVITIES BE  
**CERTIFIED ORGANIC**



# 1 What do I need to know about organic processing?

Processing activities can be certified according to a given organic standard. This happens when these activities are done according to a given standard and are confirmed by the certification body.

**Why is it important?**



To help the processor find organic market



To inform consumers that the product is organic and the source is known.



To show that the processing activities do not negatively affect the environment

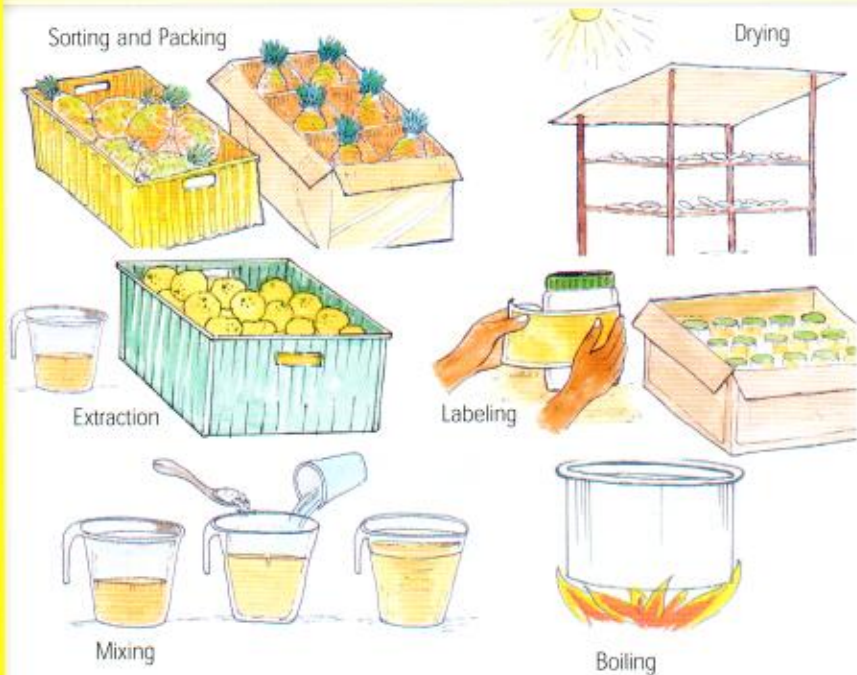


To show that workers are treated well.

## 2 What processing activities can be certified as organic?

Any handling activities done after harvest of products from simple mixing to complicated processing activities.

For example:



### Certification will cover;

- Source of raw materials
- Source of processing aids, ingredients and additives
- Labeling of products during processing
- Processing and storage records
- Records on purchases and sales
- Processing facilities
- Processing staff
- All contract processors

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## How do I get certified?

To get certified, a processor may need the following steps:  
**In the First Year;**



**Step 1:** Read the standard and general information received from the NOAM.



**Step 2:** Make inquiries from the available certification bodies (CBs). Contact the CBs for information on standards, application form, certification costs, and procedures.



**Step 3:** Select the suitable CB. Fill in and return the application, negotiate the certification costs, procedures and payment of fees. Sign the contract of inspection and certification with the CB.



**Step 4:** Inspection of the processing. Agree with the CB when the inspector will come to check processing activities and records. A selected staff should always follow and assist the inspector.



**Step 5:** Discuss the inspection report with the inspector.

Read the report carefully and check for any errors and misunderstandings.

**Step 6:** Respond to all comments from the inspector. Check and fulfil all conditions needed for your certification.



**Step 7:** Certification decision.

The CB will finally inform you the results of the inspection and the certification decision.

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## How do I maintain my certification?

The processing activities will be inspected every year by the CB. The processor should ensure that all the certification conditions of the CB are fulfilled.

Therefore, you should;



Make the changes asked for when the standards are changed



Keep all records up-to-date



Attend organic processing training to improve knowledge



Protect the organic products from non-organic materials

These are basic guidelines on how a processor can get certified.  
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