



KEY FEATURES OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIC STANDARD BILL 2024

- Require businesses that sell organic produce to meet the National Organic Standard.
- Require importers to meet the National Organic Standard, or similar.
- An exemption from certification if the annual turnover of organic produce doesn't exceed \$25,000.
- Businesses under the exemption level will still need to meet the National Organic Standard otherwise it is 'false and misleading' information under consumer law and can be prosecuted by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC).
- Make the current export standard - National Standard for Organic and Bio-Dynamic Produce - the National Organic Standard.
- Enable audits, compliance and enforcement.
- Impose penalties for selling or intending to sell organic product if it doesn't meet the National Organic Standard.
- Provide a transition period of three years after Royal Assent of the Bill. The three-year transition is based on a primary production business taking three years to transition to organic.
- The civil penalties, audits, compliance and enforcement do not commence until three years after Royal Assent.
- Requires an Independent Review of the Bill after six years.