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Reporting cancellations and suspensions of COR operators

On December 7, 2011, the COO and the CB Working Group agreed on a proposed model and template for reporting the *Cancellations and Suspensions of COR Operators*. The template has been provided by your CVB, IOAS, and is also available upon request from Angela Jackson at jackson@ioas.org. **CBs are required to return the template by the 25th of each month even if there is nothing to report.** The reporting must include both cancellations and suspensions including voluntary withdrawals.

The new procedure and text to appear in section 4.3 in the updated version of the COO Operating Manual is as follows:

A.4.10 The CVB shall report to the CFIA all suspensions and cancellations issued by the CBs for which it is responsible within a 30 day window of when the CVB is notified but shall not extend beyond the end of the month or shall be provided anytime at the CFIA's request. All suspensions and cancellation reports shall include the name of the operator, the date of issue, and the reason for the action.

C.2.10.2 The CB shall report to its CVB all suspensions and cancellations it issues within a 30 day window of when the action is taken but shall not extend beyond the 25th of the month or shall be provided more often as defined by the CVB. All suspensions and cancellation reports shall include the name of the operator, the date of issue and the reason for the action.

If not already implemented, CBs should modify their current procedure to refer to cancellation as the end result of withdrawal of an operator. The new Organic Product Regulations (OPR) requirement will be added to the new version of the COO manual expected for release in March 2012.

As a reminder of the COO interpretation of ISO Guide 65 clause 8.1.2 e): The CB shall require that a supplier (operator) upon suspension or cancellation of certification discontinues its use of all advertising matter that contains any reference thereto and returns any certification documents as required by the CB. Section C 2.7.3 reads that the certification of the product, once issued shall remain valid unless suspended or cancelled by the CB according to the requirements of the OPR

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