



## The Organic Food Federation (OFF)

The Organic Food Federation was established in 1986 and is one of the UK's certification bodies operating nationally in all areas of organics. The OFF (operating under the code UK4) is UKAS accredited to EN45011 and is one of the organic control bodies approved by DEFRA. All food products sold as organic must by law comply with National and European standards. Certification of a holding is also a condition of eligibility for the organic farming support schemes.

### Organic Food Federation



Code GB 04

### About the Organic Food Federation

The Organic Food Federation certifies all sectors of organic activity across the UK and EU. OFF is also authorised to carry out NOP (National Organic Program) audits to the requirements of the United States Department of Agriculture and private standard audits as required. Through its partners, OFF is also able to offer BRC certification.

- All OFF inspectors are licensed by DEFRA
- The Federation standards are based on the Council Regulation 834/2007 which is the official definitive legal standard within the EU.

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### What sectors of horticulture is the scheme suitable for?

In horticulture the Organic Food Federation standards cover field crops and protected cropping and processing including box schemes, plus storage warehouse and transport.

### What assurance categories does the Organic Food Federation Certification scheme cover?

- Food safety and quality
- Environmental protection
- Traceability
- Transport
- Production quality
- Biodiversity
- Resource management
- Staff issues.

### Costs of participation

- The cost is based on an individual quotation system
- The scheme charges do not increase with the turnover of the enterprise.

### How to join

There are two options for the application process:

**Option 1:** Online application

**Option 2:** Hard copy application - An appropriate application can be downloaded from the OFF website or you can contact its office and a member of its team will send one to you.

### System of assessment or inspection

- There is a system of annual assessment
- Spot inspections are carried out if a complaint is received/

## Further information

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