



ISCOP

Indian Society for Certification of Organic Products

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Organic Agriculture in India

The international community is increasingly becoming aware that soul of organic farming is ORGANIC AGRICULTURE and its entity. Organic agriculture is environmentally friendly ecological production system that promotes and enhance biodiversity, biological cycles and biological activities. It is based on minimal use of off-farm inputs and management strategies that restores, maintain and enhance ecological harmony.

The principal guidelines for organic production are to use materials and practices that enhance the ecological balance of natural systems and integrate the parts of the farming systems into an ecological holistic system.

Organic agriculture practice cannot ensure that products are completely free from residues; however, methods are used to minimize pollution of air, water and soil. Organic food handlers, processors and retailers adhere to the national standard that maintain the integrity of organic agricultural products. The primary goal of organic agriculture is to optimize the health and productivity of interdependent communities of living soil, plants, animals and people.

Our Mission / Our Services

1. To educate / train the farmers for the production of crops and animal products adopting the National Standards fixed by Government of India and / or International Standards prescribed by International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM);
2. To inspect the land, inputs used, methods adopted for the cultivation, processes in the production and the outputs / products of the interested applicant agriculturists;
3. To train suitable personnel as Inspectors to inspect the land and submit reports for certification of Organic Agriculture by the Society;
4. To inspect the organic inputs like organic manures, biofertilizers, biopesticides, other organic inputs, etc. used in organic agriculture by the agriculturists;
5. To certify Organic Agriculture, Inputs used and the Products of Organic Agriculture, Animal and Fisheries.
6. To encourage and provide information on organic agriculture, to the agriculturists, interested producers and consumers;
7. To create awareness among the consumers on the importance of certified organic products in the interest of their health and welfare.

About IS COP

People who are interested in human welfare have started realizing the importance of "Organic Agriculture"; consequently organically produced food products are sold in the developed countries with premium prices.

Certification is one way of ensuring the products claimed to be organic that are actually produced according to organic farming principles and standards set up by Govt. of India. Certification of organic products is basically the certification of a production system as a whole.

For gaining consumers' confidence valid certification is an essential pre-

requisite for marketing in internal market as well as export markets. In order to undertake certification services, an independent and separate unit by name "Indian Society for Certification of Organic Products" (ISCOP) was formed with seven mandates and registered under Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act 27 of 1975 (No. 006/6.01.2003) on 6th January, 2003 at Coimbatore.

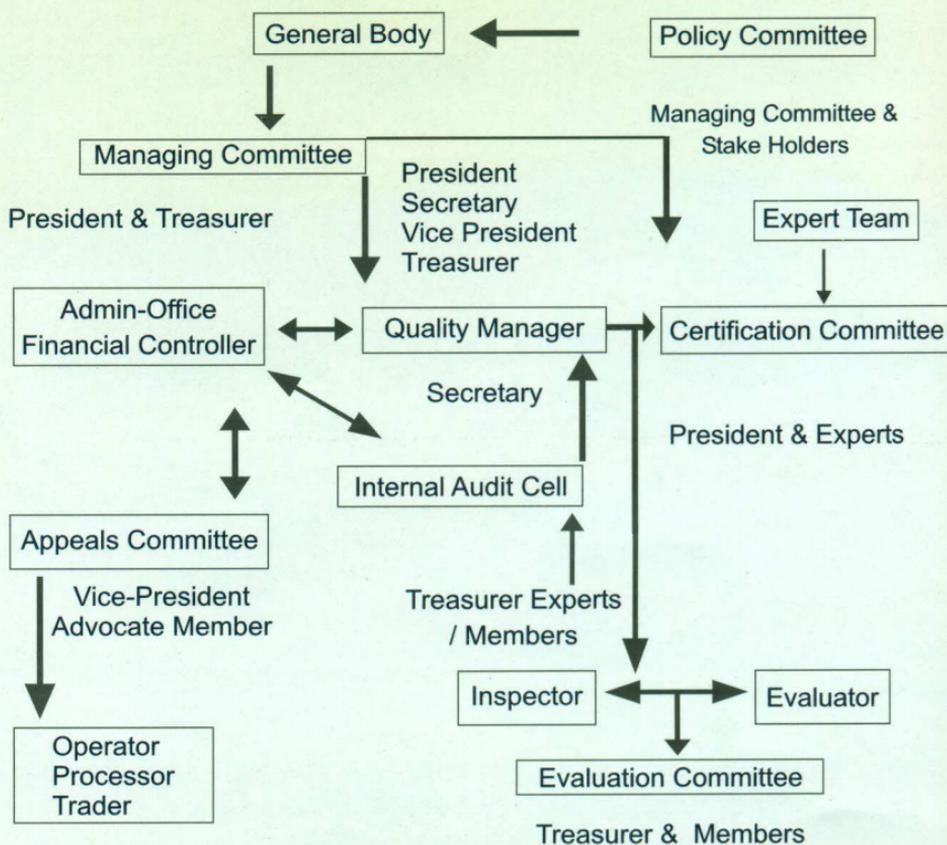
ISCOP is an independent nationally functioning (operating) non-profit organization for conducting inspections and issuing certificates for organic production techniques to cover organic inputs and outputs.

ISCOP is governed by the General Body and day to day management is delegated to Managing Committee. The certification decisions are taken by the Certification Committee.

ISCOP is developing strong technical collaboration with APEDA and overseas certifying agencies.

ISCOP is in line with the National Standard for Organic Products, notified under National Programme on Organic Production (NPOP) by Govt. of India. ISCOP is committed to ensure consumers' trust in integrity and reliability of its certification marks.

Organizational Chart



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