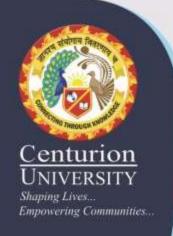
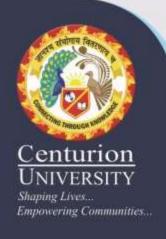


Module-4 Inspection and Certification Process

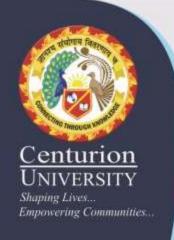


- Analysis and Residue Testing: Testing is a major instrument for organic certification, provided it is done by competent institutions approved as per ISO 17025 having appropriate facilities for quality testing.
- (a) Identification of cases in which samples shall be taken for analysis where, use of a substance prohibited by the standards, is suspected.
- (b) Indication of any random sampling requirements.
- (c)Instructions to the inspectors on sampling requirements and methods.
- (d) Post-sampling procedures.
- (e) fixation of responsibility for payment of sampling.



Inspection Regime for Part Conversion and Parallel Production:

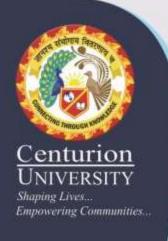
- (a) Part conversion is the stage or situation when conventional, in conversion and/or organic production or processing occur in the same unit.
- (b)Parallel production is defined as any production where the same unit is growing, breeding, handling or processing the same products both of certified organic quality and of non-certified organic quality. A situation where "organic" and "inconversion" production of the same product is carried out, is also parallel production.



Provisions for part conversion in production and processing: The Authorized Inspection and Certification Agencies shall develop special inspection regimes when part conversion occurs.

The Authorized Inspection and Certification Agencies shall ensure:

- i) that appropriate storage capacity exists to ensure separate handling
- ii)that the documentation regarding the production is well managed and makes a clear distinction between certified and not certified production;
- iii) that inspections are carried out at critical times;
- iv) that inspection is done in a timely manner;
- v) that accurate production estimates are available.



Provisions for parallel production:

- If a farm is engaged in parallel production, the Authorized Inspection and Certification Agency shall ensure, in addition to the requirements for part conversion, the following: -
- i) buffer zones are maintained for demarcation
- ii) crops are visually distinguishable or
- iii)the crops are harvested in such a way that there are reliable methods to verify the actual harvest of the respective crops (inspections between harvests, extra inspections during harvests).