



Who needs to be certified?

USDA National Organic Program
Exemptions

Strengthening Organic Enforcement (SOE)

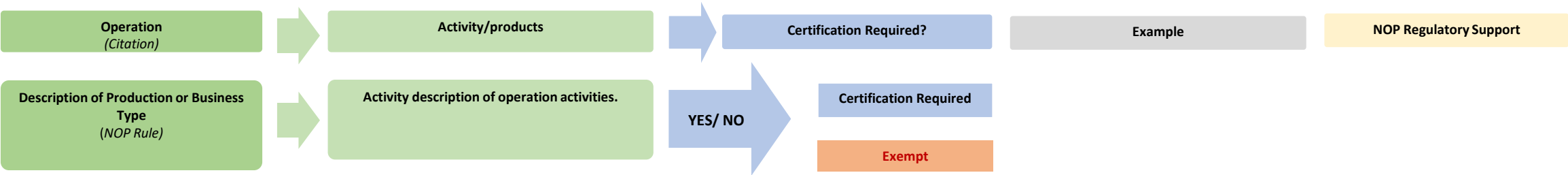


✓ Date of compliance for all products and businesses: March 19, 2024

Instructions:

The guide should be used to evaluate certification requirement of your activities. The pages may be used to check if you or partners in trade are required to be certified. More than one activity may apply. Portions of your business may need to be certified while other portions may be exempt. Under SOE, exemptions are very narrow. An operation should assume certification is required if exemption is not clear in all business activities. Please contact Ecocert if you have questions. Exempt operations may elect or be required by their supply chain to become certified. If a certified operation accepts organic product from an exempt operation, they become responsible for organic oversight, records, and integrity.

FORMAT EXAMPLE



Notes:
Process, Handle, Handler Handling Operation and other terms are defined in §205.2.

This guide does not replace the organic regulations. Operations should review the full rule [here](#).

