

Guidelines to follow by the organic Operators and Certification Bodies for closing stock, shelf life for organic product certification (note: please refer to these guidelines before issuance of TCs)

A. PLANTATION CROPS

S.No.	Crop	Fresh Produce	Deadline for closing stock from harvest	Post harvest shelf life	Processed Products	Shelf life of Processed product
1	Tea	Tea leaves	3 months after harvest	24 hrs	Made Tea (CTC)	2 years
2	Coffee	Cherries (sundried)	3 months after harvest	6 months	Green Coffee beans	2 years
3	Cocoa	Parchment (pulped)	3 months after harvest	6months	Cocoa Powder	1 year
		Cocoa Beans	One months after harvest	24 hours	Cocoa butter	1 year
		Cocoa Beans (Sun dried)	1 year	1 year	Cocoa Powder	1 year
					Cocoa butter	1 year
4	Coconut	Tender Coconut	1month	1 week	Coconut oil	6 months
		Coconut Dehusked	One year	6 months	Desiccated Coconut	6 months
		Coconut Copra	6 months	1 year	Coconut Sugar	6 months
					Coconut milk	6 months
					Coconut chips	6 months
5	Arecanut				Dry Arecanut	2 years
6	Rubber	Latex		Immediate		
7	Pepper	Green pepper	3 months	1 month		
		Black Pepper (sundried)		3 years		
		White pepper		3 years		
8	Small cardamom	Dried Cardamon		3 years		

9	Cinnamon				Cinnamon Oil, Cinnamon Powder Other products	3 years
10	Cloves	Cloves dried		3 years	clove oil	1 year
11	Nutmeg	Nutmeg with shell	3 months from harvest	1 year	Nutmeg oil	Year
	Mace	Mace		3 years		
12	Vanilla	Vanilla beans		1 week	Dried Vanilla beans	3 years
13	kokam	Kokam fruit	-	1 week	Dried kokam Kokam powder Kokam syrup	1 year
14	Cashewnut	Raw cashewnut	6 months	1 year	Cashew kernal	1 year
15	Walnut	Walnut with shell	6 months	6 months	Walnut kernal	6 months

B. FRUIT CROPS

S.No.	Crop	Fresh Produce	Deadline for closing stock	Post harvest shelf life	Processed Products	Shelf life of Processed product
		Strawberry	3 months from harvest	5 days		
		Banana		2 weeks	Banana powder	12 months
		Cherry		3 weeks	Individual quick frozen products (vegetables and fruits)	1 year
		Papaya		3 weeks	Dried fruits and vegetables	1 year
		Peach		6 weeks(frozen)) seasonal 10		
		Plum		6 weeks		
		Lemon		8 weeks		
		Pear		10 weeks		
		Organge		10 weeks		
		Mango		1 month		
		Fig		1 month		

	Sapota	1 month	
	Guava	2 months	
	Pineapple	2.5 months	
	Grapes	3 months	
	Pomogranate	3 months	
	Apple	6 months	
	apricots	18 months	

C. VEGETABLES (SEASONAL)

S.No.	Crop	Fresh Produce	Deadline for closing stock	Post harvest shelf life	Processed Products	Shelf life of Processed product
	Celery		10 days from harvest	10 days		
	Green chilli			3 weeks		
	Curry leaf			3 weeks		
	Tomato			4 weeks		
	Capsicum			4 weeks		
	Drumstick			6 weeks		
	All Vegetables Including			1 month		
	Sweet corn			1 year		
	Karela			7 days		
	Green Peas			3 months		
	Onion, Garlic & Potato			1 year	Frozen dehydrated Onion and garlic	One year
	Pumkin seeds			1 year		

D. TUBER CROPS

S.No.	Crop	Fresh Produce	Deadline for closing stock	Post harvest shelf life	Processed Products	Shelf life of Processed product
					For starch and chips	1 year
		Arrowroot		2 months		
	Isabgol	Psyllium Seeds	3 months from harvest	3 years		
	Herbs				Dried basil, Chamomile, thyme, lemon,grass (Dired and Culinary herbs)	2 years

E. DRIED SPICES

S.No.	Crop	Fresh Produce	Deadline for closing stock	Post harvest shelf life	Processed Products	Shelf life of Processed product
E.	Dried Spices					
					Dry mango powder	One year
					Flakes (Chilli, Onion, Garlic)	2 years but to be made immediately after harvest and under cold storage
					Cured Vanilla beans	3 years
					Pastes – chilli, ginger, garlic, ginger-garlic, tamarind)	2 years for retails & 18 months for bulk

F. SEED SPICES

S.No.	Crop	Fresh Produce	Deadline for closing stock	Post harvest shelf life	Processed Products	Shelf life of Processed product
		Fennel seeds	1 month after harvest	1 year	Powders, Grounded	6 months
		Cumin seeds		1 year	Powders, Grounded	6 months
		Turmeric		2 years	Powders, Grounded	1 year
		Coriander seeds		1 year	Powders, Grounded	1 year
		Ginger fresh		6 months	Dry Ginger	1.5 year
		Fenugreek seeds		2 years	Grounded, powder	1 year
		Ajwain/Bishop,s weed seed		2 years	Grounded, powder	1 year
		Aniseed		1 year	Grounded, powder	6 months
		Dill Seed		1 year	Grounded powder	1 year
		Large Cardamom		2 years	Dried cardamom	1 year
		Bay leaf		-----	Dried leaves etc	2 years

G. AROMATIC & ESSENTIAL OILS

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S.No.	Crop	Fresh Produce	Deadline for closing stock	Post harvest shelf life	Processed Products	Shelf life of Processed product
					Aromatic & Essential Oil	2 years

H. MEDICINAL & HERBAL PLANTS

S.No.	Crop	Fresh Produce	Deadline for closing stock	Post harvest shelf life	Processed Products	Shelf life of Processed product
			7 days for closing after harvest		Powders of medicinal plants and herbs (ashwagandha, Triphala, amla, Psyllium husk, senna, arrowroot Etc)	3 years (provided less than 7% moisture); otherwise 2 years
					Wheatgrass powder	1 year
					Choorn & chawannrash	2 years

I.SAFFRON

S.No.	Crop	Fresh Produce	Deadline for closing stock	Shelf life of fresh	Processed Products	Shelf life of Processed product
	Saffron (J&K)	Saffron	7 days from harvest	2 years		

J. CONFECTIONERY & SNACKS

S.No.	Crop	Fresh Produce	Deadline for closing stock	Shelf life of fresh	Processed Products	Shelf life of Processed product
					Roasted cashew, chicory, Coffee	1 year
					Chikki (groundnut, sesame, cashew)	6 months
					Fruit jam	12 months
					Fried snacks (Namkeens)	6 months
					Chips	6 months
					pappads	6 months 9normal pack); 18 months (vaccum pack)

K.HONEY						
S.No.	Crop	Fresh Produce	Deadline for closing stock	Shelf life of fresh	Processed Products	Shelf life of Processed product
					Processed Honey	2 years

L. PROCESSED FOOD					
				saucers	18 months stored in glass bottles
				chutneys	18 months stored in glass bottles
				Pickles (lemon, Mango, garlic, mixed)	18 months
				Pulps & Purees (mango, Guava, papaya)	2 years in aseptic condition
				Juices (Mango, Pineapple, orange, apple, lemon, Pink guava, noni, Papaya)	6 months
				Ready to eat	As indicated in retail pouches(as per food quantity)
				Tea bag cut	2 years

M. CEREALS

S.No.	Crop	Fresh Produce	Deadline for closing stock	Shelf life of fresh	Processed Products	Shelf life of Processed product
		Rice (Paddy)	3 months from harvest 1 month from harvest	3 years	Rice and Processed products Rice Bran	2 years
		Wheat		1 year	Processed Products	6 months
		Barley		1 year	Processed Products	6 months
		Bajra		2 years	Processed Products	6 months
		Maize		1 year	Processed Products	6 months
		Sorghum		1 year	Processed Products	6 months
		Small millets		1 year	Processed Products	6 months
		Ragi		1 year	Processed Products	6 months
		Oats		1 year	Processed Products	6 months
N.	PULSES					
		Chick pea (Kabuli Chana)		1 year	Processed products of pulses (cleaned)	1 year
		Bengal Gram		1 year		
		Lentil		1 year		
		Peas		1 year		
		Rajma/French bean/Kidney bean		1 year		
		Mung		1 year		
		Urad		1 year		
		Pigeon Pea/Arhar		1 year		
		Moth bean		1 year		
		Cluster Bean/Guar		1 year		

		Cowpea		1 year		
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O. OILSEEDS

S.No.	Crop	Fresh Produce	Deadline for closing stock	Shelf life of fresh	Processed Products	Shelf life of Processed product
		Soya bean		2 years	Soyabean cake, oil	1 year
		Mustard/rapeseed		2 years	Cake, oil	1 year
		Sesame		6 months	Oil, other processed products	6 months
		Sunflower		2 years	Oil, other processed products	1 year
		Safflower		2 years	Oil, other processed products	1 year
		Linseed/ flax		2 years	Meal, Oil	1 year
		Castor		2 years	Oil, other processed products	1 year
		Niger		2 years	Oil, other processed products	1 year
		Groundnut		6 months	Oil cake, other processed products	1 year
P.	CASH CROPS					
		Sugarcane		3 months after harvest	Sugar	3 years after processing
		Potato		1 year	Processed Products	6 months
Q.	FIBRE CROPS					
		Raw Cotton	3 months for closing the stock	6 months	Lint Cotton and bales	3 years
		Cotton seeds		6 months		
		Jute/Mesta		1 years	-----	3 years