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2020 Revision Work of the Canadian Organic Standards



REMINDER - 1st Consultation with the Organic Industry

The revision of the Canadian Organic Standard is underway. The OFC can now [present the decisions](#) made at the first meeting of the Committee on Organic Agriculture of the Canadian General Standards Board (TC) held October 29, 2018.

For each petition, we present the initial proposal, its context, the TC decision and the rationale for that decision.

Since the Organic Standards have a direct impact on your activities, we would like to gather your comments and bring these to the attention of the relevant working groups.

This consultation will allow us to assess the potential impact of the decisions, and then accept or re-evaluate them.

To submit your comments, please:

- identify the number of the decision
- clearly describe your argument

- include your email and phone number so that we contact you if we have questions. Your identity will not be disclosed to the working groups.
- submit your comment to marc-antoine.larrivee@organicfederation.ca
- **DEADLINE –December 15 2018**

Regarding parallel production: the issue of parallel production is back! Because it concerns so many operators, we need a broad consultation and we have created a blog. Please enter your comments on the link - <https://wp.me/pN8tH-3X>

The question of light

Some petitioners propose artificial light allowed as the sole source of light in greenhouses

Organic farming practices are based on natural ecological processes. For example, we rely on legumes and rhizobia to provide nitrogen. We depend on soil life to release nutrients from compost, manure and green manures. We count on predatory and parasitoid insects to control pests. In so many ways, we seek to replicate nature. This applies to nutrient management, pest control, livestock husbandry, but what about light...Can organic food be grown without natural light? This challenging question is being discussed amongst the Greenhouse Working Group involved in the review of the Canadian Organic Standards. [Click here to read the full article.](#)



The Organic Quiz

Are you interested in the review of the Canadian Organic Standards?

It is time to test your knowledge.

<https://fr.surveymonkey.com/r/RL89JG5>

Good luck!