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## Using the JAS Seal

When JAS applicants are JAS-certified, OCIA will send the OCIA International/JAS Mark to include on their labels, tags and/or packaging. **Only** operations that meet the MAFF standards and have the required Grading Procedures in place may use the JAS seal.



### Labeling Requirements

All organic retail products sold in Japan must carry the JAS seal. If the products are shipped to Japan in bags, the JAS seal must be on each bag or a JAS seal tag must be attached to each bag. If the product is shipped in bulk containers, the JAS seal must appear on the Invoice or Bill of Lading. It is recommended that the seal appear both on the bulk products and the shipping documents. If the official shipping document cannot be altered, a page bearing the JAS seal can be attached. The JAS certified Repacker in Japan will repackage the product and put the JAS seal on the new packaging.

**Seal Size:** The interlocking circles of the JAS mark must be at least 5 mm high (not including the text underneath the circles. The form and proportions of the JAS seal may not be altered.

**Color:** Any color is permitted.

**Name and Numbers:** JAS certified associates must show the OCIA International JAS Associate/ID number found in the upper left hand corner of their certificate.). JAS certified associates may also include their company name and the lot number near the JAS mark, as well as a Code/Expiration Date.

**Position:** The position of the JAS mark is not regulated by MAFF/ JAS. The JAS seal may be used in advertising material.

### **\*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE\*\*\*\*\***

- **Be sure to show the Registered number under the JAS logo.** (#JAS mark must be affixed on all JAS-certified products and must be Checked and Recorded by a grader.
- **Please show the country of origin of the product.**
- **A sample of a label must be faxed/emailed to OCIA International.**
- **It is a JAS-certified associate's duty to submit a grading record to OCIA International every month or every shipment (if sales are not made every month).**