

AsureQuality Organic Standard - Comparison document

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<p>Section 8 Social Justice</p>	<p>106-107</p>	<p>GROWER GROUPS Social Justice removed and replaced with Section 8 - (New) Grower Groups 8.1 Marae, villages, special project areas and plantations such as taro, tea, coffee, noni, etc., are allowed as a grouping to be certified where there is an umbrella company or management group that undertakes to maintain certification by entering into a licence agreement with AsureQuality outlining requirements to comply with this Standard. The group shall be formed around one main product (e.g., coffee, vegetables, herbs) to be certified as a group and shall be constituted of small landholders only. Large farming units, processing units and traders require individual certification and shall not be certified as part of the group while group members shall be in geographic proximity. 8.2 Produce must be sold under the group name (e.g. Iwi Based Enterprise) - as part of a coordinated marketing strategy (i.e., individual growers in the scheme may not sell certified product independently) and there shall be an Internal Control System (ICS) in operation. The group shall be large enough to support a viable ICS to ensure ongoing conformance to this Standard. The ICS shall be managed by a nominated individual of the group. 8.3 Such operations may be traditional agriculture/production systems, forest or wild-harvest systems or similar traditional low-input systems, and be verified to have been compliant with this Standard for a minimum prior period of three (3) years prior to certification as Organic. 8.4 In addition to requirements laid out in the basic production Standard, section 4, and other relevant sections, the following shall be required: MANAGEMENT AND EXTENSION 8.5 In the case of marae, village or regional projects, the operator/licensee to be certified shall be responsible for ongoing community support that shall include agricultural extension (training and demonstrations). The operator shall also provide sufficient field management staff who shall be responsible for a given area or grouping of growers. 8.6 Field staff must ensure that all growers are adhering to the Standard and are knowledgeable of all requirements. These field staff must maintain records of all producers, their names and location, farm area in hectares and year of entrance into the scheme. Field staff must upgrade farm maps annually, must ensure the recording of all harvests and sales, and shall be responsible for maintaining an updated register of certified growers in the scheme via recorded annual farm inspections</p>	<p>107 - 109</p>
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