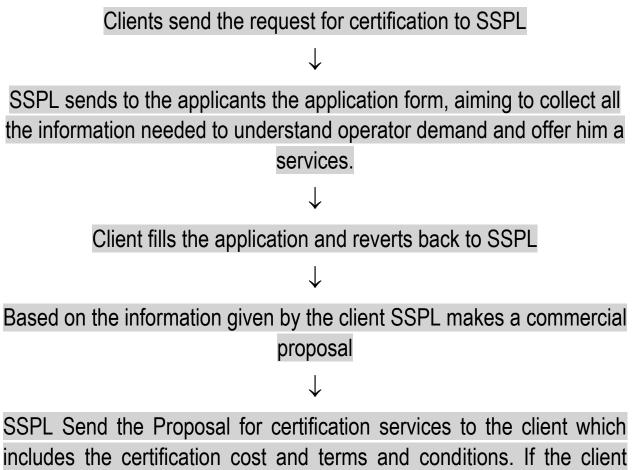


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SSPL again review the proposal, signed it and kept in file. A copy of same send to operator.

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Registration of operator in SSPL operator database and start the certification procedure: SSPL sends OMP form and information needed for inspection.

Organic management Plan (OMP) is a form that must be completed by operator and shall serve as an "annual production plan or manual". The operator must have this plan well-structured for the unit to be certified by the SSPL. Please, note that it has to be entirely completed according to the requested certification scope and let us know in case of doubt you may have! SSPL will evaluate the informed data then release and engage the inspection.

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Inspection and report generation

The inspection searches for the evidence of the information presented by operator's OMP to attest its conformity with the requirements of the requested organic certification standard. After performing the inspection, the auditor shall send report so that it can be evaluated and the certification process can then proceed towards its final stage

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Report evaluation and certification decision

The internal report evaluation and certification decision gives credibility to the process. The evaluation is performed by a third person that was not involved in the process up to the point.

In the absence of non-conformity- Certificate of organic Conformity is granted.

In the presence of non-conformity- the operator has deadline to present correction and / or corrective action as informed during the inspection and as requested by the SSPL. Those corrections will be evaluated internally. After that, and if the corrections are approved by SSPL, certificate of organic Conformity is granted.