

# General Principles

## Frequently Asked Questions about Organic Certification under Mexico's Organic Products Law

### **What are organic products?**

They are food products and by-products of animal or vegetable origin produced and processed by implementing organic management practices, with regulated use of external inputs; restricting and, if applicable, prohibiting the use of chemical synthesis products, under the Organic Products Law and applicable legal provisions on the certification of organic products

### **What is Organic Integrity?**

The Organic Products Law (LPO) establishes the quality of a product certified as "organic" as it guarantees that "organic integrity" is maintained during production and handling up to the final point of sale, protecting the product from mixing with non-organic products or from entering in contact with prohibited substances, therefore, the final product is labeled and marketed as organic, until it reaches the final consumer.

### **Are organic products of higher quality?**

According to Rembialkowska et al., 2012, in their article "The quality of organically produced food", quality can be considered a complex characteristic of food, which determines its value or acceptability to consumers. From a holistic point of view, organic products can be

considered as of higher quality as they provide additional values, such as benefits to the environment and social justice.