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General Comment

The U.S. is the only country where soilless crop production systems are being certified as "organic," so collection of the information cited above is needed to verify compliance with trade agreements in international organic markets.

USDA has issued no rules governing the soilless production of "organic" crops, so it is incumbent on USDA to collect accurate and detailed information on both soil-based and soilless crop production systems that are being certified as "organic," in order to comply with OFPA Sections 6501(2), 6513(b), and 6513(g), and 7 CFR Part 205.2, 205.203, and 205.205.

Thank you.

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