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General Comment

Why does it take me over 40 hours to submit my annual organic certification filing?? Seems there are too many lawyers and other people who never got dirt under their fingernails asking inane questions. I have been doing the same identical things on my organic farm and processing facility for over 20 years. It used to be free. Then it was \$450 starting my first year under new US law. Then it went to \$750, now it's approaching \$2000. It also costs me \$15000 to build and maintain, under Hawaii law, a certified kitchen - the same as a full blown restaurant. They have no other provision for a coffee roasting facility and my certifying agency ratted me out because they couldn't understand my vermin controls. I'm pissed and I don't understand the bureaucratic class you punks are part of.

PS. I don't have vermin around - never did, never will. Vermin hates coffee!