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## **The Accredited Certifiers Association Code of Conduct**

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Members of the Accredited Certifiers Association:

- Support and encourage the development and advancement of organic agriculture and processing;
- Maintain the highest possible standards of integrity by avoiding situations of conflict of interest;
- Work together to provide consistent implementation of the National Organic Standards by sharing information pertaining to policies and procedures and in the development of guidance documents
- Exchange information in a timely manner with the relevant certification agency regarding issues such as private label verification or detection of residues or in cases of suspected fraud;
- Abide by ethical and transparent business practices in all of their activities, including full disclosure of board members, owners, or responsible governing officials;
- Share information with other ACAs pertaining to noncompliances and / or adverse actions, with the exception of confidential business information.
- Work together in support of the greater good of organic agriculture and hold this paramount in their decision making.