

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

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In re:)	OFPA Docket No. 18-0015
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Boliviana de Certificacion, a Bolivian)	
Corporation doing business as Bolicert)	
)	
Respondent)	Consent Decision and Order

This proceeding was instituted under the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §§ 6501-6522 (OFPA), alleging that the respondent, Boliviana de Certificacion, a Bolivian Corporation doing business as Bolicert, violated the National Organic Program Regulations issued thereunder, 7 C.F.R. § 205.1 – 205.699 (NOP Regulations). This decision is entered pursuant to the consent decision provisions of the Rules of Practice applicable to this proceeding (7 C.F.R. § 1.138).

The Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations as set forth herein and specifically admits that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations of the complaint, waives oral hearing and further procedure, and consents and agrees, for the purpose of settling this proceeding, as well as all remaining alleged violations which may have occurred on or before September 15, 2018, to the entry of this decision.

The Complainant agrees to the entry of this decision.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Boliviana de Certificacion, dba Bolicert (Respondent), is a corporation whose mailing address is Colon 756, Floor 2, Office 2A, P.O. Box 13030, La Paz, Bolivia.
2. The Respondent has been a certifying agent accredited by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Organic Program (NOP) since March 13, 2003.

CONCLUSION OF LAW



Respondent having admitted the findings of fact set forth above, and the parties having agreed to the entry of this decision, such decision will be entered.


ORDER

1. Respondent, its agents and employees, successors and assigns, directly or through any corporate or other device, shall cease and desist from violating 7 C.F.R. § 205.103, a USDA organic Regulation issued under the OFPA.

2. Respondent's accreditation is suspended from October 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019.

The provisions of this order shall become effective immediately. Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.


By 
Carmen Murillo
Representative, Boliviana de Certificacion
dba Bolicert
Respondent


Lauren Becker
Attorney for Complainant

BOLICERT

Done at Washington, D.C.
this 19th day of September 2018


Channing D. Strother,
Acting Chief Administrative Law Judge