Featured negative reviews:

🌟🌟🌟🌟🌟 Chocolate 03/13/2014
By Soma
All ingredients are not shown on the website and there is vanilla extract in it and I don't prefer to use or eat it because it made of from alcohol so I wasted my money but I got Andoa at the same time and there was no vanilla extract in it and I almost finished the package in 1 minutes, it was awesome!

Email a friend

Suggested products

Andoa Dark 70%
Bahibe 46%
Valrhona Dark Lover Pack

This Value Pack contains four 2.46oz bars of Valrhona's Dark Chocolate Grand Crus.

Assorted
$26.99
Weight: 9.84oz
Qty: 1

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Reviews

Rating: 4.8 out of 5, based on 6 reviews

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Featured positive reviews:

⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐ Excellent customer service 12/24/2014
By John Theys
I ordered chocolate bars as a Christmas present and apparently there was a miscommunication with Fed Exp and they sent me a tracking number but never sent the chocolate. I called at 5 o'clock the day before Christmas Eve to inquired about my package. Not only did they fix the problem and got my package to me on Christmas Eve but tripled my order as an apology. I stand in awe!

Email a friend

Suggested products

- Jivara Milk with Split Pecans 40%
- Caramelia with Crunchy Pearls 35%

(*) Product From Organic Farming Certified By
FR-BIO-01. 100% Organic Certified USDA-NOP by
Ecocert France SAS.Cocoa Beans, Cane Sugar,
Cocoa Butter. Fairtrade Certified And Sourced
From Fairtrade Producers. Total: 99.56%.


Araguani 72% Dark Chocolate

Dark Chocolate (72% Cocoa Minimum, Pure
Cocoa Butter).

Ingredients: Cocoa Beans, Sugar, Cocoa Butter,
Emulsifier (Soya Lecithin), Natural Vanilla Extract.
This Product May Contain Traces Of Nuts, Milk
And Egg Proteins, Gluten And Peanut.
CASE CLOSURE MEMORANDUM

TO: Matthew Michael
    Director
    Compliance & Enforcement Division

FROM: Valerie Schmale
    Compliance Specialist
    Compliance & Enforcement Division

SUBJECT: NOPC-361-14
Mr. Oliver Kita
Oliver Kita Chocolates
18 West Market St.
Rhinebeck, New York 12572
Email: okitachocolates@gmail.com

CERTIFYING AGENT INVOLVED: Not Applicable

COMPLAINANT: Alesia Bock, Managing Director AgriSystems International
             (agrisys2@charter.net)

DATE of COMPLAINT: August 19, 2014. Follow-up emails on 4/27/15 and 5/19/15. The latter indicated
                   an updated email of alesia@agrisysintl.com

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS: Alleges that Oliver Kita Chocolates is selling its products as organic and using the
                    USDA organic seal without organic certification.

SUMMARY: I was assigned the case and contacted Oliver Kita Chocolates. Mr. Oliver Kita
          responded that his operation was not certified organic, but would initiate the
          process upon receipt of the electronic regulations, which I sent to him. Mr. Kita
          initially removed the seal from his main website, but failed to remove organic
          terms. He also failed to remove such organic statements and the seal from his
          Facebook and Twitter accounts. I contacted him several times after that and even
          stated that he could search on his own website by typing in organic, which he
          stated he had not thought of doing. Mr. Kita has since revised his website and
          Twitter page and has hidden his Facebook page until he obtains certification from
          Baystate Organic Certifiers. Baystate has agreed to provide a copy of his
          certificate once it is issued.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval is requested to close this case.

APPROVED FOR CLOSURE BY: VELLA HOLMES
Vella K. Holmes for Matthew Michael

Date 2015.12.01 13:49:25

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December 1, 2015

Alesia Bock, Managing Director
AgriSystems International
8 E. Broad St., Suite #1100
Columbus, OH 43215
Email: alesia@agrisysinl.com

RE: NOPC-361-14 Oliver Kita Chocolates

Dear Ms. Block:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), National Organic Program (NOP) has concluded its investigation of the complaint you filed against Oliver Kita Chocolates (Oliver Kita). Your complaint alleged that Oliver Kita was selling, labeling, and representing its products as certified organic without organic certification in violation of the USDA organic regulations.

Our investigation found the allegations to be true. We issued Oliver Kita a Notice to cease and desist selling, labeling, and representing its products as certified organic. The operation is obtaining organic certification. This case is hereby closed.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. We appreciate your support of the NOP and the USDA.

Sincerely,

VELLA HOLMES
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For Matthew Michael, Director
Compliance and Enforcement Division
National Organic Program
Chocolate Matza

Dark Chocolate covered Matza packed 4 pieces per bag tied with a blue ribbon embossed with the word "CHOCOLAT" in silver. Choose from either 70% organic dark organic chocolate.

$10.00 USD

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Delightfully Dark 70% - "Hudson Valley Natural’s" - Vegan & Organic Chocolate Bar

“When studying in Paris the chocolate instructors called Oliver Kita along with the students- “fondeurs” which is an endearing slang term for “professional artist melters”. The start of the story? The chocolate is manufactured on vintage French equipment before it reaches the studio where it is transformed into bars.

The bars are hand cast and hand wrapped in the chocolate studio, Oliver Kita has introduced a 70% dark bar using all natural ingredients with certified organic dark chocolate.

Presenting the philosophy of “Mind. Body. Chocolate Everyday”, The Hudson Valley Natural Vegan & Organic Chocolate Bar is also available in local Hudson Valley boutiques, gourmet food markets and specialty food stores. 70% Dark Organic Vegan Chocolate, contains soy lecithin, gluten free, 3.3 ounces (100 grams), dairy free,

$5.50 USD

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Clermont Cappuccino Dark- "Hudson Valley Natural's" - Vegan & Organic Chocolate Bar

"When studying in Paris the chocolate instructors called Oliver Kita along with the students- "fondeurs" which is an endearing slang term for "professional artist melters". The start of the story ? The chocolate is manufactured on vintage French equipment before it reaches the studio where it is transformed into bars blended with espresso and cacao nibs for a stimulating energic lift. Yes, it will give you a buzzzz….

Named for "Clermont State Historic Site" found along the Hudson River, the bars are hand cast and hand wrapped in the chocolate studio, Oliver Kita has introduced a 70% dark bar using all natural ingredients with certified organic dark chocolate, espresso and cacao nibs encrusted on the back of the bar.

Presenting the philosophy of "Mind, Body, Chocolate Everyday", The Hudson Valley Natural Vegan & Organic Chocolate Bar is also available in local Hudson Valley boutiques, gourmet food markets and specialty food stores. 70% Dark Organic Vegan Chocolate, contains soy lecithin, gluten free, 3.3 ounces (100 grams), dairy free, espresso, contains caffeine.

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Miniature Buddha - Organic Peanut Butter/Organic Chocolate

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Beekman Buttercrunch with Toffee & Sea Salt - "Hudson Valley Natural's" - Organic Chocolate Bar

“When studying in Paris the chocolate instructors called Oliver Kita along with the students- "fondeurs" which is an endearing slang term for "professional artist melters". The start of the story? The chocolate is manufactured on vintage French equipment before it reaches the studio where it is transformed into bars.

Named for the "Beekman Arms Hotel" - the oldest Inn in America, situated near the chocolate studio, the Beekman Buttercrunch Bar is hand cast and hand wrapped in the chocolate studio, Oliver Kita has introduced a 70% dark bar using all natural ingredients with certified organic dark chocolate, crushed toffee bits and pink sea salt.

Presenting the philosophy of "Mind. Body. Chocolate Everyday", The Hudson Valley Natural Vegan & Organic Chocolate Bar is also available in local Hudson Valley boutiques, gourmet food markets and specialty food stores. 70% Dark Organic Vegan Chocolate, contains soy lecithin, 3.3 ounces (100 grams), not gluten or dairy free.
Customer Service

Chocolate Concierge
If you have ever had the personal and intimate pleasure of stopping by one of the best Hudson Valley chocolate shops for a taste or to ask a question, you know that we often create unique flavored bon bons in small batches that we can only offer to our immediate visitors! Looking for fine chocolates, corporate chocolate gifts or something not shown on our website? Please feel free to contact us with a question or request. We’ll help you as much as we can whether you need vegan chocolates, a great corporate chocolate gift or anything else.

Please contact our chocolate concierge via email or phone.

Oliver Kita Chocolates
18 West Market Street
Rhinebeck, New York 12572

Rhinebeck Chocolate Studio Hours
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 11am to 6pm. Saturday from 10am to 6pm. Sunday from 12pm to 6pm.

Call 845-876-2665 for additional info

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Oliver Kita Chocolates

About

Oliver Kita's chocolatiers proudly offer the finest vegan organic chocolate bars and other fine delectable creations in the Hudson Valley, NY area and through his online chocolate shop.

Mission

MIND BODY CHOCOLATE EVERYDAY

Company Overview

Oliver Kita uses organic chocolate as well as fair trade chocolate. “I believe it's important for the patrons of my shop in Hudson Valley and anyone who purchases chocolate to align their spending choices with universal and personal values”.

Having a passion for cooking and baking with the perfumes and flavors of chocolate, flowers, herbs, citrus, exotic fruits, berries, nuts, and spices over the last 20 years, Chef Oliver Kita turned his time and focus to studying and training with the top master chocolatiers on two continents. The result is the Oliver Kita line of artisan fine chocolates. Only the best superlative French organic and Swiss sources complemented by traditional French methods and the finest ingredients are used. Heavy cream cream, award-winning sweet butter, the finest fruits, low sugar, and carefully selected and roasted nuts are all in an artfully hand-crafted design by Kita.

Description

Artisan Chocolatier, Oliver Kita, uses organic, fair trade and direct trade chocolates with sustainable packaging.
Hello,

I sent this note to AMS-NOP Compliance in August 2014, regarding a concern on the mis-use of the USDA Organic Seal on a product in Rhinebeck NY — where the product does not appear to be certified by anyone, but is using the Organic Seal.

I have not heard back, and would like a status update please? Original correspondence and example of incorrect label attached below.

PLEASE NOTE THAT MY EMAIL CHANGED as of January 2015, so perhaps that is why I didn’t hear anything back. My new email is alesia@agrisysintl.com. New address and contact info below.

Alesia Bock, Managing Director
AgriSystems International
8 E. Broad St., Suite #1100
Columbus, OH 43215
Cell: 608-345-1301
Email: alesia@agrisysintl.com
Web: www.agrisysintl.com

Thank you very much for your time.
Sincerely, Alesia Bock

Begin forwarded message:

From: Alesia Bock <agrisys2@charter.net>
Subject: Complaint - mislabeled Organic product (Oliver Kita Chocolates)
Date: August 19, 2014 at 11:16:27 AM EDT
To: NOPCompliance@ams.usda.gov
Cc: Alesia Bock <agrisys2@charter.net>

To USDA NOP Compliance Division,

I am an organic consultant who works with companies large and small, to ensure they understand USDA NOP regulations, and help them to be properly certified. This concern was brought to my attention by one of my clients, who is certified properly and doing the right thing, but is being affected by this direct competitor
with potentially misleading organic labeling.

When I saw this labeling issue, I looked them up but couldn't find them on the USDA database of Organic Handlers. We also asked our certifier to reach out to them to find out if they are certified, or if they would like to be, and they didn't respond. My client has recently been told by several consumers -- who asked them directly who they are certified by, and their response was "USDA".

I am writing to ask USDA NOP to investigate this chocolate company who may be using the USDA Organic Seal on their label without being actually certified as an Organic Handler.

The entity in question is OLIVER KITA CHOCOLATES, based out of Rhinebeck, NY

I've attached a link to their website below, where they call out organic and use the seal.

See attached labels (front and back) below. They use the USDA Organic Seal, however, they do not list a "Certified by" statement under their company information as required.

Our concerns:
Either they are certified organic, but their label is wrong (missing certifier statement).
OR
They are not certified organic, and they are mis-labeling their product by using the USDA Organic seal without authorization.

We very much appreciate your help, in order to keep the integrity of the USDA Organic Seal meaningful to consumers. Please let me know if you need any additional information, and also when the investigation is closed.

Sincerely,
Alesia Bock, Managing Director
AgriSystems International
P.O. Box 445, De Forest WI 53532
Email: agrisys2@charter.net
Cell: 608-345-1301
Fax: 608-846-2469
Website: www.agrisysintl.com

(for shipping, use residential address: 4603 Sunburst Dr., De Forest WI 53532)

Here is a link to the Oliver Kita website -- which shows that they're
calling the product Organic and using the USDA Seal.

Here is a scan of the actual packaging (front/back),
Become a Member of the Friends of Chocolate and Earn Rewards

Oliver Kita Fine Chocolates: Premiere Chocolate Shops in Hudson Valley

Oliver Kita's chocolatiers proudly offer the finest vegan organic chocolate bars and other fine delectable creations in the Hudson Valley area. Cooking and baking with the perfumes and flavors of flowers, herbs, citrus, exotic fruits, berries, nuts, and spices over the last 20 years, Oliver Kita now extends fine chocolates to chocolate lovers around the globe with our online chocolate shop.

We present to you Oliver Kita's line of artisan and fair trade fine chocolates, which are of a remarkable quality using superlatively French organic and Swiss sources complemented by traditional French methods and the finest ingredients. Heavy cream, award-winning sweet butter, the finest fruits, low sugar, and carefully selected and roasted nuts are all in artfully hand-crafted designs. Whether you are in need of a corporate chocolate gift or you are searching for the finest vegan organic chocolate bar, Oliver Kita chocolatiers have the perfect creations.

Welcome to the Fine Chocolates of Oliver Kita!

Organic Hot Chocolate
Send a gift of loving comfort...or give it to yourself! Add to hot milk.

Organic Cocoa Pods with Cacao Nibs
These dark chocolates are covered with cacao nibs. Presented in our signature box.

Beekman Buttercrunch with Toffee & Sea...
*When studying in Paris the chocolate instructors called Oliver Kita along with his students*...

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http://www.oliverkita.com/
Margo Chocolate Shoe

Hand cast and hand painted tied with a double face satin ribbon, this shoe is made with fair trade & 70% organic chocolate and named for Oliver's sister - Margo Chambers.

$22.75

QTY 1

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Miniature Buddha - Organic Peanut Butter/Organic Chocolate

Filled with organic peanut butter—a combination adored by children and adults. Mini Buddhas, perfect for party favors, corporate chocolate gifts, sharing good karma, and changing your perspective on life, each weighs .7 ounces (20 grams). Includes the Chocolate Meditation.

$22.75 USD

9 Pieces

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Annandale Almond Dark- "Hudson Valley Natural's" - Vegan & Organic Chocolate Bar

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Customer Service

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November 18, 2015

Mr. Oliver Kita
Oliver Kita Chocolates
18 West Market St.
Rhinebeck, New York 12572
Email: okitachocolates@gmail.com

RE: NOPC-361-14 Oliver Kita Chocolates

NOTICE TO CEASE AND DESIST

Dear Mr. Kita:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), National Organic Program (NOP) enforces the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990, as amended, and its implementing regulations at 7 CFR 205. All agricultural products sold, labeled, or represented as organic must be produced and handled in compliance with the USDA organic regulations. The NOP received a complaint alleging that Oliver Kita Chocolates (Oliver Kita) is selling, labeling, and representing its products as organic without organic certification in violation of these regulations. Through investigation, the NOP has confirmed these allegations.

Specifically, Oliver Kita is using the USDA organic seal on its product labels and displaying the seal on its website and social media outlets without organic certification in violation of the USDA organic regulations at § 205.100. Oliver Kita has removed the USDA organic seal from its main webpage after we contacted you; however, photos showing new labels depicting the USDA organic seal and marketing information depicting its products as organic are still viewable on both the Oliver Kita webpage and on various social media outlets.

Be advised that failure to cease and desist selling, labeling, and representing products as organic and comply with the USDA organic regulations may result in a civil penalty of $11,000 per violation. Please notify the NOP in writing of your plan to come into compliance with the regulations or of your intent to appeal this Notice. Please notify Compliance Specialist, Valerie Schmale at (202) 205-7804 or via email at Valerie.Schmale@ams.usda.gov.
You may appeal the noncompliance decision within 30 days of receipt of this notice, pursuant to § 205.681(c) of the USDA organic regulations. Appeals must be filed in writing to:

Administrator, USDA, AMS  
c/o NOP Appeals Staff  
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Room 2095-S, STOP 0203  
Washington, D.C. 20250-0203

Sincerely,

[Signature]

For Matthew Michael  
Director, Compliance & Enforcement Division  
National Organic Program
December 1, 2015

Mr. Oliver Kita
Oliver Kita Chocolates
18 West Market St.
Rhinebeck, New York 12572
Email: okitachocolates@gmail.com

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Our investigation found the allegations to be true. You have complied with our request to remove the USDA organic seal and cease advertising products as organic until your accredited certifying agent; Baystate Organic Certifiers approves your certification. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter, this case is hereby closed.

Sincerely,

Vella Kay Holmes

For Matthew Michael, Director
Compliance and Enforcement Division
National Organic Program

cc: Baystate Organic Certifiers
Organic

Premium fair traded, organic and green chocolates

We believe in sustainability, social responsibility, and environmental beauty. To help make this real for all of us, at Oliver Kita Chocolates, we act locally, carefully choosing what we do in our business. We seek out organic and sustainably grown cacao, choose organic fruits and flavors, and work with local talents and farmers whenever possible to reduce our carbon footprint. We follow environmental guidelines in our daily operation practices. For our green collection we designed packaging from recycled and recyclable materials. We strive to create beauty, one product at a time, and we take the time to create a delicious product we can be proud of.

Why should we care about Organic and Fair Traded/Direct Trade Chocolates?

Organic chocolates promote and use sustainable practices, eliminate exposure of pesticides and harmful chemicals to children, precluded the use of fumigants that are now used for exports, and promote biodiversity. Oliver Kita ensures that our organic chocolate ingredients have been grown organically, using no pesticides, herbicides or any toxic chemicals, and do not contain artificial colors, flavors or preservatives. All ingredients are non-GMO (genetically modified). Organic chocolate is also known in the industry for its magnificent taste, silky texture and fine finish. Nothing hides or competes with the flavors and fragrances we work with. Our organic chocolates are truly magical.

Fair Traded/Direct Trade chocolates mean fairer prices for farmers, gender equality, diversification to promote economic health and NO CHILD SLAVERY. Money from the sale of cocoa beans goes directly to the farmers bypassing corporate middle-men and women. Farmers who are paid and treated fairly are proud of their work, harvesting gourmet cocoa. The farmers who grow the cacao beans for Valrhona receive fair deals in trade for the best beans purchased directly from their farms.

Our hand made artisan Oliver Kita chocolate creations are made with Valrhona “Grande Cao” Organic Dark Chocolate 72%. They are award winners. Valrhona is a small French chocolate company, with a social awareness that takes pride in producing the highest quality chocolate.
Annandale Almond Dark- "Hudson Valley Natural's" - Vegan & Organic Chocolate Bar

"When studying in Paris the chocolate instructors called Oliver Kita along with the students- "fondeurs" which is an endearing slang term for "professional artist melters". The start of the story ? The chocolate is manufactured on vintage French equipment before it reaches the studio where it is transformed into bars.

Named for "Annandale on the Hudson" home of Montgomery Place and Bard College, The bars are hand cast and hand wrapped in the chocolate studio, Oliver Kita has introduced a 70% dark bar using all natural ingredients with certified organic dark chocolate. Studded with chopped almonds on the back of the bar.

Presenting the philosophy of "Mind . Body . Chocolate Everyday", The Hudson Valley Natural Vegan & Organic Chocolate Bar is also available in local Hudson Valley boutiques, gourmet food markets and specialty food stores. 70% Dark Organic Vegan Chocolate, contains soy lecithin, gluten free, 3.3 ounces (100 grams), dairy free, contains almonds,
Organic Hot Chocolate

Send a gift of loving comfort...or give it to yourself! Add to hot milk, soy milk, or rice milk. Our very secret hot chocolate concoction is made with luxury organic cocoa for an amazingly rich treat. Directions for the perfect cup of hot chocolate are included. Share the love and comfort. Makes 12 - one cup servings. Featured in our new green rice paper lined resealable pouch made from recycled plastic.

$12.00

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**Very Rich Milk Chocolate - "Hudson Valley Natural's" - Organic Chocolate Bar**

"When studying in Paris the chocolate instructors called Oliver Kita along with the students- "fondeurs" which is an endearing slang term for "professional artist melters". The start of the story ? The chocolate is manufactured on vintage French equipment before it reaches the studio where it is transformed into bars.

Hand cast and hand wrapped in the chocolate studio, Oliver Kita has introduced a milk bar using all natural ingredients with certified organic milk chocolate. Enjoy the creamy cocoa taste with hints of caramel and vanilla.

Presenting the philosophy of "Mind . Body . Chocolate Everyday", The Hudson Valley Natural Vegan & Organic Chocolate Bar is also available in local Hudson Valley boutiques, gourmet food markets and specialty food stores. Organic Milk Chocolate, contains soy lecithin, not gluten free, 3.3 ounces (100 grams), not vegan

**$5.50 USD**

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Vegan Organic Chocolate Woodstock Buddha - 70% Organic Solid Dark Chocolate

THE original Woodstock Buddha created by Oliver Kita inspired from the Cat Steven’s 70’s record album. “Buddha would want you to bite the head off so he could laugh from inside your belly.” Includes the Chocolate Meditation.

Approximately 2 1/2 inche wide by 3 1/2 inches tall. 7.5 ounces

$18.95

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Vegan Organic Chocolate Collection
I've received many requests over the years for dairy Free - gluten Free - organic vegan chocolates. This collection of 10 different flavors is created with coconut milk instead of heavy cream and contains no additives, artificial ingredients or sugar...

Video: Oliver Kita's Chocolate Salon
Hudson Valley Chocolate Shop with Oliver Kita's Chocolate Salon from Oliver Kita on Vimeo. Hi, I am Oliver Kita and this is the Oliver Kita chocolate studio and we're located in the heart of the village of Rhinebeck. It's...

Organic Laughing Buddha
The original Woodstock Buddha created by Oliver Kita was inspired by the LoveLetter Collection to wear a solid dark heart inscribed with "Laughter" over the tummy. 70% Organic Chocolate. Includes the Chocolate Meditation.Approximately 2 1/2 inches wide by 3 1/2 inches...

CHOCOLATIER OLIVER KITA TO PARTICIPATE IN NEW YORK CHOCOLATE SHOW
MEDIA ADVISORY FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Contact: Marybeth Cale, PR Consultant, Cale Communications 845.876.2220 or 845.750.3763 Photographs courtesy of Sharp Images Photographic CHOCOLATIER OLIVER KITA TO PARTICIPATE IN NEW YORK CHOCOLATE SHOW Rhinebeck, New York Oliver Kita, world-renowned Chocolatier, will be...

Organic Cocoa Pods with Cacao Nibs
These dark chocolates are covered with cacao nibs. Presented in our signature box.

Organic
Premium fair traded, organic and green chocolates We believe in sustainability, social responsibility, and environmental beauty. To help make this real for all of us, at Oliver Kita Chocolates, we act locally, carefully choosing what we do in our business....

Susan - Golden Chocolate Shoe
Golden Hand Painted Solid Dark Chocolate iced with a designer ribbon, inscribed with the words "chocolat" in French. The shoe is reverse hand painted inside the mould and then hand cast with 70% Dark Organic Fair Trade chocolate. Susan is...

Solid Chocolate Eggs with Baby Chick
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Pat's - Cosmic Pink Chocolate Shoe
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Press For Oliver Kita's Hudson Valley Chocolate Shop
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24 Piece Red Swiss Velvet Heart Box- Saint Valentine Collection
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Chocolate Matza

Dark Chocolate covered Matza packed 4 pieces per bag tied with a blue ribbon embossed with the word "CHOCOLAT" in silver. Choose from either 70% organic dark organic chocolate.

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Hello,
I was wondering if there was any update on the mislabeling complaint we submitted on August 19th?

Regarding OLIVER KITA CHOCOLATES in Rhinebeck, NY

Sincerely,

Alesia Bock, Managing Director
AgriSystems International

On Aug 19, 2014, at 10:17 AM, AMS - NOPCompliance wrote:

Thank you for your correspondence. The NOP is in receipt of your message and is processing the matter.

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THE original Woodstock Buddha created by Oliver Kita inspired from the Cat Steven's 70's record a bum....

$18.95

**Organic Cocoa Pods with Cac...**

These dark chocolates are covered with cacao nibs. Presented in our signature box.

$20.00

**Annandale Almond Dark-"Hud...**

"When studying in Paris the chocolate instructors called Oliver Kita along with the students-"fondeurs" which...

$5.50

**Vegan Organic Chocolate Col...**

I've received many requests over the years for dairy Free - gluten Free - organic vegan...
$40.00

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Wrap any boxed chocolate collection of your choice for Thanksgiving giving. Be sure to include a...

$0.00

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Dear Ms. Bea—
Thank you for your below additional correspondence regarding the alleged use of 1-MCP in organic food production. The National Organic Program (NOP) is processing this matter as a complaint against alleged violating party Whole Foods Market. The internal reference number is NOPC-364-14.

You will receive written notification upon this matter’s closure, as with your other pending NOP complaints. The notification will include information regarding the investigation findings and any resulting compliance or enforcement action taken, as applicable.
Thank you for your time and interest in organic integrity.

NOP Compliance

From: L Bea [mailto:pi7etu@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 4:41 PM
To: AMS - NOPCompliance
Subject: Re: FW: cross-contaminated produce at Whole Foods Market

Dear Valerie,

Here are more concrete information regarding my complaints against Whole Foods Market. Below listed are the number of produce purchased from Whole Foods Market that had strong odor and taste of synthetic material. My more recent research indicated the kind of post harvest treatment such as 1-MCP which is a growth regulator would be most likely to be applied in distribution centers while in storage. And my last purchase of daikon from Whole Foods Market had not quite as strong but unmistakable hint of this odor, I am likely to suspect the Whole Foods Market for application of this material while in their distribution centers. Please find below the list of products from Whole Foods Market that I suspect of -MCP treatment. And along with it, some produce from their distribution centers are being cross-contaminated, such as Daikon radish.

Organic Rainier Fuji Apples certified WSDA
Organic white peaches labeled HGO Farms certified CCOF
other peaches labeled certified organic:
   Sweet2Eat
   Farm2You
   Tree Ripe Peaches

Sweet Cherries from LRainier Fruit Company: Selab, WA 98942 certified WSDA
lot #(01) 0 080 4305 94045 6

I will try to reach you tomorrow regarding any clarifications.

Sincerely, Lori Bae

On Wed, Aug 20, 2014 at 4:00 PM, AMS - NOPCompliance <NOPCompliance@ams.usda.gov> wrote:
As discussed, thank you.

-NOP Compliance

From: AMS - NOPCompliance
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2014 11:50 AM
To: L Bea (pi7etu@gmail.com)
Subject: cross-contaminated produce at Whole Foods Market

Dear Ms. Bea—

Thank you for your recent correspondences regarding alleged use of 1-MCP in organic food production. Your inquiries have been received by the USDA National Organic Program (NOP) Compliance & Enforcement (C&E) Division. The NOP C&E Division investigates allegations of violations under the Organic Foods Production Act (OFPA) and the USDA organic regulations. We are processing the below four matters as an open, active complaints. As complainant, you will receive written notification upon each matter’s closure. The notifications will include information regarding the investigation findings and any resulting compliance or enforcement action taken, as applicable.

NOPC-208-14 Wawona Fruit Packing
NOPC-292-14 Wawona Fruit Packing
NOPC-321-14 Divine Organic
NOPC-324-14 Rainier Fruit Co

With regard to your August 1, 2014 inquiry about Whole Foods Markets, we would need evidence and additional information in order to initiate an enforcement investigation against the operation. Such information would include identification of the product in question, along with its brand name and manufacturer/distributor. Copies or photographs of product labels would be helpful, as well as identification of the store location of the product’s sale.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. We appreciate your time and interest in organic integrity.

Sincerely,

USDA, National Organic Program
Compliance & Enforcement Division
1400 Independence Ave. SW
Room 2648-S, Mail Stop 0268

From: L Bea [mailto:pi7etu@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, August 01, 2014 9:05 AM
To: AMS - NOPCompliance
Subject: Re: cross-contaminated produce at Whole Foods Market

I would like to request investigation of Whole Foods Market distribution centers for improper practice as well as possible treatment with 1-MCP.

Lori Bae
On Fri, Jul 11, 2014 at 7:25 AM, L Bea <pi7etu@gmail.com> wrote:
Additional info: these produce were all purchased from Whole Foods Market, Madison NJ.
Leigh Siegel: the store manager.

I think the fruits high candidate for testing is Fuji apples and the peaches from HGO Farms.

Lori Bae

On Thu, Jul 10, 2014 at 8:05 AM, L Bea <pi7etu@gmail.com> wrote:
In the past several months, I've come across several fruits and vegetables I suspect are
contaminated with what I strongly suspect as SmartFresh, 1-methylcyclopropene (1-MCP).

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  lot #(01) 0 080 4305 94045 6

And most recently, Daikon radish labeled organic. I believe investigation is necessary to
ascertain their produce is indeed organic and their conventional produce is not contaminating
the organic produce. I think either Whole Foods Market and/or NOP needs to devise a test
that can detect for 1-MCP and all its components of biodegradation process. 1-MCP is widely
used all over globe, and the info from WSDA is that it has fast half-life and difficult to test for
within the current guidelines set by NOP testing leaves the door wide open for organic
producers.

Lori Bae

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VIA EMAIL

Ms. Lori Bae

Email: pi7etu@gmail.com

Re: NOPC-364-14 Whole Foods Market

Dear Ms. Bae:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), National Organic Program (NOP) has reached a determination concerning the complaint you filed against Whole Foods Market on August 1, 2014. Your complaint specifically alleged that Whole Foods Market was applying the prohibited substance SmartFresh, 1-methylcyclopropene (1-MCP), to products in its distribution center.

The NOP has determined, given the findings in related complaints, that there is insufficient evidence to warrant an investigation at this time. The investigation is hereby closed.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. We appreciate your support of the NOP and the USDA.

Sincerely,

Matthew Michael, Director
Compliance and Enforcement Division
National Organic Program
TO: Matthew Michael  
    Director  
    NOP Compliance & Enforcement Division

FROM: Valerie F. Schmale  
    Compliance Specialist  
    NOP Compliance & Enforcement Division

SUBJECT: NOPC-394-14  
    Ms. Rita Galchus  
    874 Neighborhood Road  
    Lake Katrina, New York 12449  
    Email: info@sprousehouse.com

CERTIFIERS INVOLVED: NOFANY

COMPLAINANT: Todd Snively (tigcentral@gmail.com), Todd's Seeds.

ALLEGED VIOLATION:  
    Alleges that The Sprout House is selling certified organic seeds without certification.

SUMMARY: Mr. Snively submitted a complaint involving multiple operations after having a complaint filed against his operation. Schmale forwarded the complaint to NOPCompliance@ams.usda.gov and was issued a complaint number. Schmale conducted an investigation and found that The Sprout House was in fact a certified organic operation and its advertisements were not in violation of the USDA organic regulations.

ACTION REQUESTED: Case closure no violations.

APPROVED FOR CLOSURE BY: [Signature]

Date: 5/21/15
Hi Kristin,

Can you give me case numbers for the companies from the links below (unless we are already investigating them)? I will be happy to handle them unless of course Matthew would like to assign them to someone else. One of my cases submitted them:

Out of curiosity, I searched Amazon and referenced these sellers/manufacturers against the list of certified organic operations you pointed me to, and either I am doing something wrong with the certified list, or there are a lot of people using the term organic without any certification. My first eight searches produced eight companies that are not on the certified list:

http://www.amazon.com/Garden-SATISFACTION-ALL-NATURAL-Germination-Enthusiasts/dp/B00BZLP0NK

http://www.amazon.com/Pack-CERTIFIED-ORGANIC-Seeds-Zziggysgal/dp/B0042AIYH0


http://www.amazon.com/Organic-Heirloom-Survival-Seed-Bank/dp/B00EDMKL0A

http://www.amazon.com/Organic-Veganseeds-Culinary-Herb-Set/dp/B00IUGZQSW

http://www.amazon.com/Certified-Heirloom-Roquette-PowerGrow-Systems/dp/B00FTDQR4Q

http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=bl_sr_grocery?ie=UTF8&field-brandtextbin=The+Sprout+House&node=16310101 (The Sprout House is everywhere, maybe it's a dba of a certified organization)

http://www.amazon.com/Ferry-Morse-Organic-Vegetable-Garden/dp/B0071J95BI

Not that you need any more work to do, but I was curious.

Sincerely,

Todd

Best Regards,

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“There is much to be said for failure. It is much more interesting than success” Max Beerbohm
“Why should the way I feel depend on the thoughts in someone else’s head?” Emerson
“Flexibility is the key to stability.” John Wooden
“Character is more important than intelligence for success.” Gilberte Beaux
May 21, 2015

Mr. Todd Snively
Owner
Todd's Seeds
46495 Humboldt Dr.
Novi, Michigan 48377

Email: liqcentral@gmail.com

RE: NOPC-394-14 The Sprout House

Dear Mr. Snively:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), National Organic Program (NOP) has concluded its investigation of the complaint you filed against The Sprout House on September 4, 2014. Your complaint alleged The Sprout House was selling certified organic seeds without organic certification, in violation of the USDA organic regulations.

Our investigation found that The Sprout House is, in fact, a certified organic operation. The investigation is hereby closed.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,

Matthew Michael
Director, Compliance & Enforcement Division
National Organic Program