



# **SUMMARY ORGANIC STANDARD (BASED ON POS)**

1. Chemical fertilizers are strictly forbidden
2. Chemical pesticides and herbicides are strictly forbidden
3. Imported seeds are a restricted input and can only be used after approval by the agriculture extension assistant and must be washed before use.
4. Bags and containers used to harvest and transport organic product must be clean
5. A suitable buffer zone must be in place between organic and areas such as fuel storage or similar areas.
6. Hot composting of organic material and animal manures following the Ministry procedure is recommended.
7. GMO seeds are prohibited
8. If a farmer breaks the standard they will immediately lose all certification and access to organic markets.
9. All steps in the production chain must follow the standards – includes processing and packaging used to store and transport products
10. The farmers and processing groups (VCO and sugar) must keep basic records as required by PGS-SG.
11. Only fully certified products will be able to use the PGS-SG organic label.
12. Burning is discouraged as all green material should be composted.