

History

SOPA was incorporated as a company in June 1998 under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act.

SOPA exists to promote the sustainable growth of its members' businesses by being the champion of organic food and farming in Scotland.

SOPA is directed by a Board of Directors who are all active organic farmers. SOPA's certification and support work is managed professionally by Scottish Food Quality Certification Limited (SFQC)

SOPA coverage 2007



Scotland's Leading Voice on Scottish Organics

...Providing membership and certification for **80% of Scotland's organic producers and processors.**

SOPA is **certified** through SFQC and UKAS to standard EN45011 and certifies its organic members with the UK3 mark.

SOPA is **committed** to high quality standards of organic farming and processing and accordingly financially sustainable organic businesses.

Membership

The SOPA Organic production scheme certifies

- Over 500 producer and processor members in Scotland and Northern England
- Over 230,000 hectares of land
- Red meat, poultry, milk, eggs, dairy, cereals, vegetable and fruit producers



SOPA also offers

- **ASSOCIATE**
- **AUCTION MARTS**
- **APPROVED PRODUCTS**
- **FOOD PROCESSING**
- **IMPORTS**
- **ANIMAL FEED COMPOUNDERS**

membership packages

Ask for more details.....

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SOPA Membership

Credible

- The SOPA scheme is an **approved organic** certification scheme officially recognised by DEFRA via the **UK3 mark**
- The SOPA certification scheme is operated **independently and impartially** by SFQC a specialist food certification body
- The SOPA scheme is accredited to the **EN45011 standard** and audited by UKAS
- SOPA standards are rigorously enforced by **annual assessment**

Technical Support

- **Dedicated** Certification and Standards department
- Newsletters, technical notes and guidance
- Website for **up-to-date information**, downloads and advertising classifieds

Flexible

- A **pragmatic service** recognising the challenges faced by Scottish businesses
- **Working with you** to meet your certification requirements in an open manner



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For certification queries please contact the SOPA team:

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Or

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