

1 commodity, or product may substitute or commingle any ingredient, article, commodity,
2 or product which does not comply with Code Section 2-21-3.

3 (c) Any fresh, wholesale or retail organic food or feed ingredient, article, commodity, or
4 product shall be tagged, stamped, labeled, crated, bagged, packaged, or be in any other
5 standardized form which complies with state and federal regulations pertaining to
6 inspection, identity, contents, weight, measure, and grade.

7 (d) Any food or feed ingredient, article, commodity, or product labeled as organic must
8 be certified by the department or a department approved certifying entity as meeting the
9 requirements of this chapter prior to being sold in the State of Georgia after July 1, 2000.

10 (e) On and after January 1, 2003, no person shall produce, process, distribute, or handle
11 in this state any advertised, promoted, identified, tagged, stamped, packaged, or labeled
12 organic food or feed ingredient, article, commodity, or product unless such person has first
13 registered with the department; provided, however, that retail food sales establishments
14 licensed under Article 2 of this chapter that do not process or repackage certified organic
15 commodities shall be exempt from registration provisions set forth in this chapter. On and
16 after January 1, 2003, no organization, business, firm, or individual shall act as a certifying
17 entity in this state unless such organization, business, firm, or individual has first registered
18 with the department. The Commissioner shall establish by regulation registration standards
19 for producers, processors, distributors, handlers, and certifying entities not inconsistent
20 with this chapter. Registration shall be made upon forms prescribed and furnished by the
21 department. Registrations shall expire on the last day of December of the year for which
22 they are issued. The Commissioner shall establish by rule a registration fee for certifying
23 entities in an amount of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$500.00 per annum and may
24 establish classes of certifying entities with different registration fees for each class."

25 **SECTION 2.**

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.