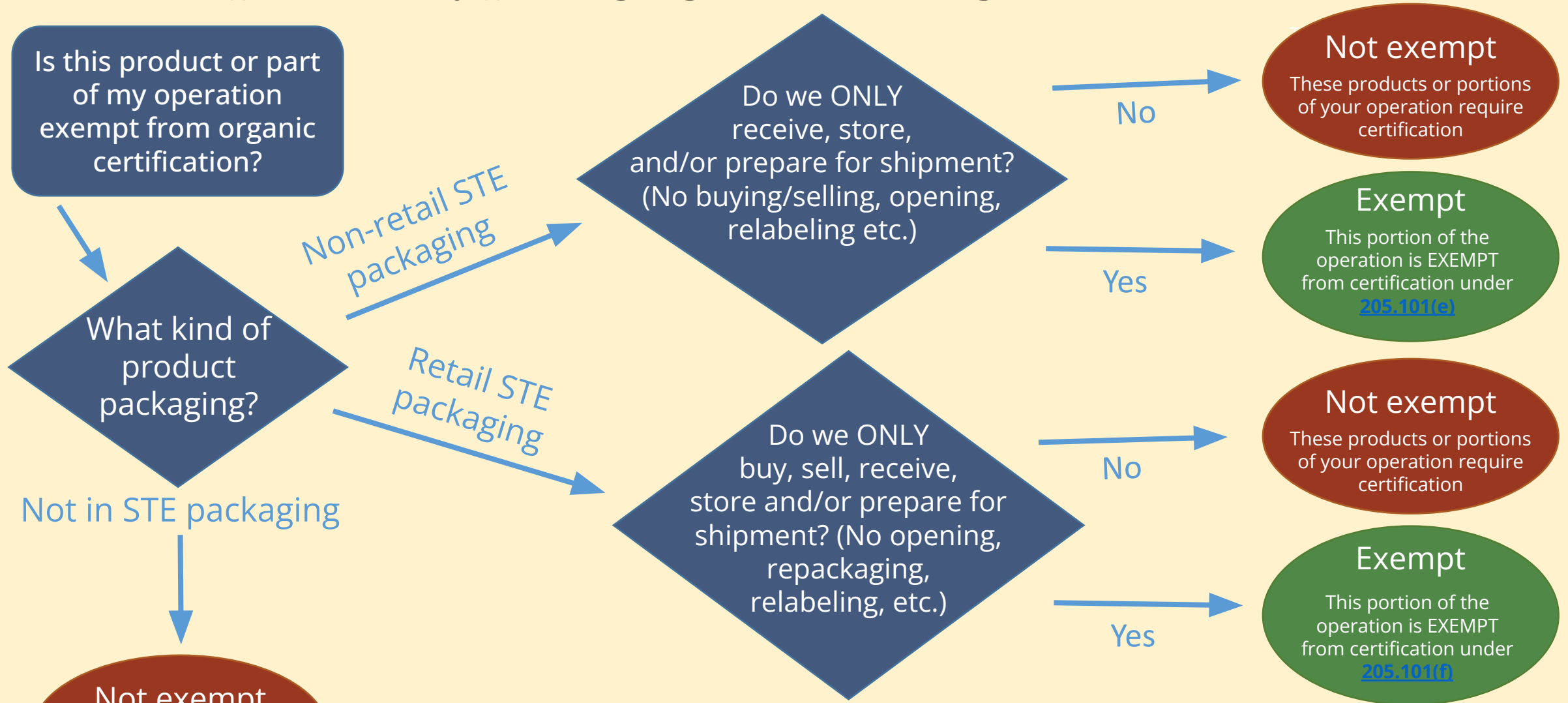


How to determine exemptions of products and portions of an operation by packaging and handling activities (205.101(e) & (f))



Remember! Exempt products and/or portions of an operation are still subject to recordkeeping requirements ([205.101\(i\)](#)). Keep organic certificates and purchase/shipping records that show quantities received, and shipped or sold.

Definitions and Resources:

STE packaging

Sealed and tamper-evident packaging

“Sealed, tamper-evident” means the contents are sealed in a manner where an attempt to break the seal, access the contents (including to take out or put in product), or reclose the package would be obvious. Sealed, tamper-evident does not mean impermeable to gas and water. ([“Sealed, tamper-evident packages or containers”](#) Fact Sheet).

Nonretail packaging/container

Any container used for shipping or storage of an agricultural product that is not used in the retail display or sale of the product. ([205.2 Nonretail container](#) definition)

Retail packaging

Packaging intended for the final consumer. Typically shows branding, and is designed for a consumer to encounter on a store shelf or online.

