

**National Organic Standards Board
Materials Committee**

**Recommendation to “Take from the Table”
previously tabled petitioned substances to the National List
that have not had action taken by the NOSB**

September 7, 2008

Introduction

The National Organic Standard Board (NOSB) as directed by the Organic Food Production Act (OFPA) of 1990 as amended “shall develop the proposed National List (NL) or proposed amendments to the National List for submission to the secretary” (§2119(k)(2)). The NL contains a list of synthetic substances allowed and nonsynthetic substances prohibited in certain arenas of organic production, and nonagricultural substances allowed and nonorganic agricultural products potentially allowed in the processing of organic products.

Background

The National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances is developed through a petition and review process. Any person may petition the NOSB for the purpose of having a substance evaluated for inclusion on or deletion from the NL (§205.607(a)). The evaluation process can involve Technical Reviews and Board evaluations of each substance petitioned. At times, a lack of information or other factors has caused certain petitioned substances to be Tabled or laid aside in other parliamentary fashions. In some cases, these petitioned substances that have been Tabled waiting additional information or some other action have received no further action. This action is to bring back into consideration by “taking from the table” according to accepted parliamentary procedure the petitioned substances that have been identified at this time.

The Materials Committee and NOP staff have reviewed minutes from previous NOSB meetings and archives of petitions to identify petitioned materials that were Tabled by a vote of the NOSB. The identified petitioned materials may not represent an exhaustive list, instead they represent our best effort at this point in time. We welcome comments from the public that would help us clarify the list of materials that have been Tabled through vote of the NOSB.

A positive vote on a motion to “take from the table” these petitioned materials will allow the NOSB to resume consideration of the materials within proper parliamentary procedure. Consideration of the petitioned substances in no way ensures future listing on the National List.

Petitioned Substances that have been identified as Tabled with no further action

Crops: alcohol, methyl (methanol); amino acids; ash coal; creosote; ethephon; lime, controlled atmosphere; potassium permanganate.

Livestock: alcohol, methyl (methanol); amino acids.

Handling: amino acids; baking powder, aluminum free; clay, fuller’s earth, attapulgite, volcanic; magnesium carbonate; starch, non-modified; waxes.

Committee vote

I move the Materials Committee accept this motion and forward it to the full NOSB board for action to take from the table these previously tables petitioned substances.

Motion made by Dan Giacomini and seconded by Steve DeMuri

4 – Yes	0 – Abstain
0 – No	1 – Absent

Minority opinion

None