National Organic Standards Board Handling Committee Sunset Recommendation for §205.606 For the April 2010 Meeting

March 2, 2010

The following are recommendations regarding the 2012 sunset materials that the handling committee felt there was sufficient information available for them to make recommendations. Any materials not addressed in this recommendation have been deferred until the next business meeting of the NOSB. Please refer to the posted spreadsheet for each committee for additional clarity on the 2012 sunset materials. This spreadsheet summarizes the materials being addressed at this meeting, and those being deferred until the next meeting.

I. List: §205.606 Nonorganically produced agricultural products allowed as ingredients in or on processed products labeled as "organic."

II. Committee Summary:

Federal Register notice of the sunset of these materials elicited no public comments against re-listing.

Review of the original petitions and recommendations, historical documents, and public comments does not reveal unacceptable risks to the environment, human or animal health as a result of the use or manufacture of these materials. There is no new information contradicting the original recommendation which were the basis for the previous NOSB decisions to list these materials. As 205.606 listed materials, all are subject to commercial availability scrutiny for use in organic products.

III. Committee Recommendation(s):

The handling committee recommends the renewal of the following substances in this use category as published in the final rule:

Casings, from processed intestines

Celery Powder

Chia (Salvia hispanica L.)

Dillweed Oil (CAS # 8006-75-5)

Fish Oil (Fatty acid CAS #'s 10417-94-4 and 25167-62-8) stabilized with organic ingredients or only with ingredients on the National List 205.605 and 205.606.

Galangal, frozen

Gelatin (CAS # 9000-70-8)

Gums – water extracted only (Arabic, Guar, Locust bean, and Carob bean)

Konjac flour (CAS # 37220-17-0)

Lemongrass – frozen

Orange shellac - unbleached (CAS # 9000-59-3)

Pepper, chipotle chile

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Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

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The handling committee recommends the renewal of the following substances in this use category as published in the final rule:

Kelp – for use only as a thickener and dietary supplement

Sweet potato starch – for bean thread production only

Turkish bay leaves

Wakame seaweed (Undaria pinnatifida)

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