National Organic Standards Board Handling Committee 2012 Sunset Recommendations for §205.605(a)

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:

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II. Committee Summary:

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

Review of the original recommendations, historical documents, and public comments does not reveal unacceptable risks to the environment, human, or animal health as a result of the use or manufacture of these materials.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.

III. Committee Recommendation(s):

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

Acids (Alginic; Citric – produced by microbial fermentation of carbohydrate substances; and Lactic)

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Bentonite Calcium carbonate Calcium chloride Carageenan Dairy cultures Diatomaceous earth – food filtering aid only Kaolin Nitrogen - oil-free grades Moved: Steve DeMuri Second: John Foster 0 Abstain: 0 Yes: 6 No: Absent:

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Oxygen—oil-free grades Perlite-for use only as a filter aid in food processing Potassium chloride Sodium bicarbonate Sodium carbonate Waxes—nonsynthetic (Carnauba wax; and Wood resin) Moved: Joe Dickson Second: John Foster Yes: No: 0 Abstain: 6 0 Absent: 1