

**National Organic Standards Board
Handling Committee Sunset Recommendation for §205.605(b)
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:

**§205.605 Nonagricultural (nonorganic) substances allowed as ingredients in or on processed products labeled as “organic” or “made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s)).”
(b) *Synthetics allowed***

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Review of the original recommendations, historical documents, and public comments does not reveal unacceptable risks to the environment, human, or animal health as a result of the use or manufacture of these materials.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

Calcium phosphates (monobasic, dibasic, and tribasic)

Carbon dioxide.

Ethylene—allowed for postharvest ripening of tropical fruit and degreening of citrus.

Glycerides (mono and di)—for use only in drum drying of food.

Glycerin—produced by hydrolysis of fats and oils.

Hydrogen peroxide.

Magnesium carbonate—for use only in agricultural products labeled “made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s)),” prohibited in agricultural products labeled “organic”.

Magnesium chloride—derived from sea water.

Magnesium stearate—for use only in agricultural products labeled “made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s)),” prohibited in agricultural products labeled “organic”.

Ozone.

Moved: John Foster

Second: Katrina Heinze

Yes: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1

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Potassium acid tartrate

Potassium carbonate

Potassium citrate

Potassium hydroxide – prohibited for use in lye peeling of fruits and vegetables except when used for peeling peaches during the Individually Quick Frozen (IQF) production process.

Potassium phosphate – for use only in agricultural products labeled “made with organic (specific ingredients or food group(s))”, prohibited in agricultural products labeled “organic”.

Xanthan gum

Moved: Tracy Miedema

Second: Joe Dickson

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:

Alginates

Ammonium bicarbonate—for use only as a leavening agent

Ammonium carbonate—for use only as a leavening agent

Ascorbic acid

Calcium citrate

Calcium hydroxide

Moved: Joe Dickson

Second: Steve DeMuri

Yes: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1

National Organic Standards Board
Handling Committee Sunset Recommendation for §205.605(b)
Sunset of Nutrient Vitamins and Minerals, in accordance with
21 CFR 104.20, Nutritional Quality Guidelines for Foods

March 2, 2010

I. List:

National Organic Program Subpart G: The National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances. §205.605 Nonagricultural (nonorganic) substances allowed as ingredients in or on processed products labeled as “organic” or “made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s)).”

(b) Synthetics allowed

II. Committee Summary:

Nutrient Vitamins and Minerals, in accordance with 21 CFR 104.20, Nutritional Quality Guidelines for Foods was approved by the NOSB at the October 1995 NOSB meeting with the following recommendation:

Upon implementation of the National Organic Program, the use of synthetic vitamins, minerals, and/or accessory nutrients in products labeled as organic must be limited to that which is required by regulation or recommended for enrichment and fortification by independent professional associations.

The material was added to the National List §205.605(b) effective upon publication of the Final Rule December 21, 2000.

Nutrient Vitamins and Minerals are necessary to support human life and in some instances are mandated by law to be added to foods.

On the specific material “Nutrient Vitamins and Minerals, in accordance with 21 CFR 104.20, Nutritional Quality Guidelines for Foods,” no new information has come to light that commands the sunsetting of this material.

This recommendation includes retaining NOP guidance to Accredited Certifying Agencies authorizing the use of accessory nutrients, as first stated in November 2006.

III. Committee Recommendations

The Handling Committee recommends the continued listing of Nutrient Vitamins and Minerals, in accordance with 21 CFR 104.20, Nutritional Quality Guidelines for Foods on §205.605(b)

Moved: Tracy Miedema

Second: Steve DeMuri

Committee Vote: Yes- 6 No- 0 Absent- 1 Abstain- 0 Recuse- 0