

## National Organic Standards Board (NOSB)

### Handling Committee Recommendation for §205.605

*Calcium, seaweed derived*

September 2, 2008

#### I. List: (where in FR rule example 205.606)

**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)).”**

*(a) Nonsynthetics allowed*

#### II. Committee Summary:

A petition for the addition of seaweed derived calcium to the National List of Allowed Substances was received for review by the Handling Committee of the NOSB in the spring of 2007.

Calcium, seaweed derived, is produced from mineralized seaweed found, in the case of the material being petitioned, off the Irish Coast. The mineralized seaweed is washed and milled. The result is a substance that is intended to be used as an ingredient in foods. The composition of the substance is primarily, over 95%, mineral with the main constituents being calcium carbonate and magnesium carbonate.

The Handling Committee believes that Calcium, seaweed derived, is a Nutrient Mineral in accordance with 21 CFR 104.20. This was confirmed by the petitioner at the request of the NOP.

The National List §205.605(b) includes Nutrient Vitamins and Minerals, in accordance with 21 CFR 104.20. Therefore, we are recommending that Calcium, seaweed derived, not be added to the National List §205.605(a) since use of this material is currently allowed through the existing listing of Nutrient Minerals.

#### III. Committee Recommendations

The Handling Committee recommends that Calcium, seaweed derived as petitioned does not need to be considered for addition to the National List since use of this material is currently allowed through the existing listing of Nutrient Minerals on the National List §205.605(b)

*Moved: K Heinze      Second: J Weisman*

*Committee Vote: Yes- 5      No- 0      Absent- 1      Abstain- 0      Recuse- 0*