

There is a client that wants to use food grade wax as a post harvest treatment. I can infer that if the product is not synthetic, it could be used, am I correct? But what happens when the product contains inert ingredients like Sodium Benzoate as a preservative of the material?

Currently, non-synthetic waxes (carnauba and wood resin) are allowed under 205.605 (a) for processing only. There are no non-synthetic waxes on 205.601 listed for post-harvest treatments. Inerts are only permitted for pesticides in crop production; inerts are prohibited for processing or post-harvest handling. Therefore, this product cannot be used in organic production at this time.

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