

Crop Production Recommendations -- 1994

National Organic Standards Board
Processing, Handling, and Labeling Committee report and adopted recommendations to the secretary

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§205.16 (a)(2)(ii) Product Composition

"A non-organically produced agricultural product, if commercially available, shall be selected for use as an ingredient in preference to a non-agricultural ingredient allowed on the National List".

*Committee recommendation: Delete. Could not think of circumstances where this would be applicable.

§205.16 (a)(2)(iii) Product Composition

"A non-organically produced agricultural product or a non-agricultural ingredient included on the National List that is extracted without the use of a synthetic volatile solvent or which does not contain propylene glycol as a carrier, if commercially available, shall be selected in preference to a product or ingredient that is extracted with a synthetic volatile solvent or which contains propylene glycol as a carrier.

*Committee recommendation: Delete. Organically produced alternatives which do not use propylene glycol or hexane extracted solvents are commercially available. Follow NOSB recommendations concerning the use of natural flavors and oil extraction which do not allow propylene glycol or hexane extraction.

§205.26 Non-agricultural (non-organic) substances allowed as ingredients in or on processed products labeled as organic or made with certain organic ingredients

*Clarification of NOSB recommendation regarding sulfur dioxide: Sulfur dioxide is allowed only for use in production of wine that is labeled "made with organically grown grapes".

§205.17 Processing Practices: The use of incidental additives

The Committee will provide the definition of incidental additives from 21CFR to the interdisciplinary Processing Criteria Task Force.

§205.17 Processing Practices: Compatibility of irradiation with organic principles?

*Committee recommendation: Return to USDA's June draft where "treatment with ionizing radiation" was specifically prohibited.

*Insert within section: NOSB's recommendation regarding fiber processing standards.

§205.18(c) Prevention and control of facility pests

*Committee recommendation: Return to NOSB's recommendations concerning prevention and control of facility pests with the following addition: "Should the use of prohibited pest control substances be required to control an infestation, all organic food and feed, *packaging materials*, and *storage containers* must be removed from the facility before and during the application of the prohibited pest control substances."

§205.205 (e)(3) Organic Plan: Handling Operations

*Committee recommendation: Insert the word "estimated" preceding "quantity": A list, including the *estimated* quantity of each product intended to be handled and sold or represented as "organic", and as "made with certain organic ingredients".