

Processing Recommendations -- 1998-99

DATE: February 10 , 1999

Board Vote

Motion: Interdisciplinary Committee on Processing Principles. Motion by Joan Gussow. A synthetic may be used if:

- That processing aid or adjuvant cannot be produced from a natural source and has no organic ingredients as substitutes;
- If manufacture use and disposal do not have adverse effects on the environment and are done in a manner compatible with organic handling as described in section 6513 of the OFPA;
- The nutritional quality of the food is maintained and the material itself or its breakdown products do not have adverse effects on human health as defined by applicable Federal regulations;
- Its primary purpose is not as a preservative or used only to recreate/improve flavors, colors, textures, or nutritive value lost during processing except in the latter case as required by law;
- It is Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS) by FDA when used in accordance with Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) and contains no residues of heavy metals or other contaminants in excess of FDA tolerances;
- Its use is compatible with the principles of organic handling; and
- There is no other way to produce a similar product without its use and it is used in the minimum quantity required to achieve the process.

Second: Carolyn Brickey

Discussion:

Call for the vote

Vote:

Those In Favor: Unanimous

Those Opposed:

Those Abstaining:

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