

Policy for National List Updates

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The National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) recommends the following procedure for amending the National List.

1) The National Organic Standards Board requests a proposal to amend the National List.

As per OFPA – section 2118 (d) (1) The National List established by the Secretary shall be based upon a proposed national list or proposed amendments to the National List developed by the NOSB.

Action to be voted on: Within 30 days of the conclusion of an NOSB meeting the Materials Committee will determine if a proposal to amend the National List will be submitted to the Secretary. The committee shall make this determination based on the number of materials approved from the previous meeting(s).

2) Notice and Comment of proposal.

As per OFPA – section 2118 (d) (4) The proposed amendments to the National List are published in the Federal Register to seek public comment on such proposals. The Secretary shall include in such Notice any changes to such proposed list or amendments recommended by the Secretary.

Action to be voted on: The National Organic Standards Board recommends a 45 day public comment period.

3) Publication of National List

As per OFPA – section 2118 (d) (5) After evaluating all comments received concerning the Proposed National List or Proposed Amendments to the national List, the Secretary shall publish the final National List in the Federal Register, along with a discussion of comments received.

4) The NOP shall maintain a current list of amendments to the National List and update as needed on the NOP website.