

National Organic Standards Board Meeting, May 13-14, 2003, Austin, Texas

Livestock Committee Recommendation: Calcium Propionate 5-8-03

Introduction: The NOSB received a petition to consider Calcium Propionate as a medicinal treatment for Milk Fever and as a mold inhibitor in dry formulated herbal remedies.

Background: All three reviewers and the Committee agree that Calcium Propionate is a synthetic.

In September 2002 the NOSB voted to add Calcium Propionate to 605.603(a) with the annotation "for the treatment of milk fever only". The NOSB also voted to defer decision on Calcium Propionate for use as a mold inhibitor pending further TAP information pertaining to the specific application.

Committee agreed that the supplemental TAP raised no new concerns. The committee was opposed to the use of calcium propionate as a preservative for hay and silage. There was support for the material in the production of aloe vera tablets. Discussion focused on if and how to annotate. It was decided to use the same annotation language as recommended for Potassium Sorbate.

Recommendation:

The Livestock Committee recommends that Calcium Propionate be added to 205.603(a) with the annotation; "as a mold inhibitor in dry formulated herbal remedies".

Committee Vote:

Approve-6
Disapprove-0
Recuse-0
Absent-0
Abstain-0

Minority Opinion: Mike and Becky chose to abstain. They were unclear as to whether or not Aloe Vera served as a probiotic health builder or a medical treatment.

Conclusion: The Livestock Committee finds calcium propionate to be synthetic, rejects its use as a general feed preservative, and recommends its use in the production of dry formulated herbal remedies livestock use.