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## PURE FOODS



Attention: Kim Burton, NOSB

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Dear Kim;

In regards to our discussion concerning the USDA organic seal and the "Stream of Commerce", I have the following problems.

As you know being a major supplier of organic ingredients to food manufactures, the "Stream of Commerce" is a very important issue. I have several food manufactures who have spent thousands of dollars on new labels of which are already on products, waiting for release next week, and some of which, will be put on all their new productions to comply with the NOP rule.

However, some of these products with the USDA Organic Seal have organic ingredients considered "Stream of Commerce" ingredients. We understand from the NOP web site that the "Stream of Commerce" ingredients are no longer allowed in products with the USDA organic seal. This is a last minute change that is causing many problems. These companies have already contracted and in many cases used "Stream of Commerce" organic ingredients, that are already inventoried, warehoused, and in some cases in their products.

We would appreciate you presenting these problems to the USDA for their review. We must allow "Stream of Commerce" materials to be used in products that contain the USDA seal. This will save hundreds of thousand dollars to organic food manufactures in the United States. I have attached another letter from a food manufacturer explaining the effect this "Stream of Commerce" issue is having for them as well.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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