Formal Recommendation by the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) to the National Organic Program (NOP)

Date: April 29, 2011

Subject: Nutrient Vitamins and Minerals Sunset

Chair: Tracy Miedema

The NOSB hereby recommends to the NOP the following:

Rulemaking Action X
Guidance Statement
Other

Statement of the Recommendation (Including Recount of Vote):

To relist:

Nutrient Vitamins and Minerals, in accordance with 21 CFR 104.20, Nutritional Quality Guidelines for Foods

on § 205.605(b) of the National List.

Rationale Supporting Recommendation (including consistency with OFPA and NOP):

Over 2000 public comments were received on the renewal of Nutrient Vitamins and Minerals to §205.605(b) in advance of the Spring 2011 NOSB Meeting. The Handling Committee has not had time to review all the comments. Much new information has surfaced since the last time this material was reviewed for listing to the National List, including an important memo from FDA, dated April 14th, 2011. However, the National Organic Standards Board has been advised by the Deputy Secretary of the USDA that we must vote on the sunsetting of this material at the Spring 2011 NOSB meeting. The committee foresees no unacceptable risks in relisting the material to the National List. The Handling Committee wishes to review public input with the intent of recommending an annotation change in the Fall 2011.

NOSB Vote:

| Moved: Steve DeMuri | | Second: | Second: Katrina Heinze | | | | |
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| Yes: 13 | No: 0 | Abstain: | 1 | Absent: | 0 | Recusal: | 0 |