National List: Materials Update

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Evaluation Criteria for Materials

• Criteria are provided for in the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (OFPA)

• Petition guidelines, technical report evaluation questions and NOSB checklists align with OFPA criteria

• Different criteria for production uses vs. handling

• Additional criteria for synthetic processing aids and adjuvants at § 205.600(b)
This meeting:

• 6 petitioned materials on the agenda
• 198 material listings for Sunset 2017 (meeting #2 for Sunset)
• NOSB will complete its Sunset 2017 review at this meeting
Outstanding Petitions - Crops

This meeting:

• Laminarin
• Lignin sulfonate (to remove)
• Sulfuric acid
• Seaweed extracts (aquatic plants extracts)
Outstanding Petitions - Crops

Under Subcommittee Review:

• Aluminum sulfate*
• Ash from manure burning
• Soy wax
• Squid and Squid Byproducts*

* Technical report in development

Petitions are posted on the NOP website
Withdrawn Petitions - Crops

– Anaerobic digestate - pH adjusted with sulfuric acid

Petition is posted on the NOP website
Outstanding Petitions - Livestock

Under Subcommittee review:

• Acid-activated bentonite
• Aluminum sulfate
• Sodium bisulfate
• Aquaculture petitions (x10)

Petitions are posted on the NOP website
Outstanding Petitions – Handling

This meeting:
• Sodium lactate and potassium lactate
• Flavors
Outstanding Petitions – Handling

Under Subcommittee Review

• Hypochlorous acid*
• Oat beta-glucan

* Technical report now available
Petitions are posted on the NOP website
Voting Procedures

• For petitioned substances, NOSB votes on two motions:
  – 1st motion: Classification (if not previously classified)
    • Synthetic / Nonsynthetic
    • Agricultural / Nonagricultural
  – 2nd motion: To list/remove/amend
• 2/3 majority needed for decisive vote
Sunset 2017 Materials

• The majority of materials on the National List are scheduled to Sunset in 2017

• The complete list of Sunset 2017 materials is available on the agenda
Annotation Changes

• Proposals for annotation changes will be considered separate from Sunset 2017

• Because they are not tied to the sunset timeline, annotation changes can also be further considered at future NOSB meetings
Sunset 2018 Preview

• 15 listings for crop production and handling materials
• Sunset dates: May 29, 2018 and November 3, 2018
• Will be considered at Spring 2016 and Fall 2016 NOSB meetings
Sunset 2018 Preview

Technical Reports in Development:
• Peracetic acid (Crops)
• Carrageenan (Handling)
• Cellulose (Handling)
• Glucono delta-lactone (Handling)
• Potassium Hydroxide (Handling)
Sunset 2018 Preview

• National List materials and sunset dates are available in the NOP Handbook

• See [NOP 5611: National List Sunset Dates](#)
Update – Petition Process

• NOP is continuing to work on implementing two NOSB recommendations from April 2014 to update the National List Petition Process, including changes to Confidential Business Information

• The new procedures will become effective after publication in the Federal Register
Thank you!