National List: Materials Update

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This meeting:

• 2 petitioned materials on the agenda
• 35 materials for sunset (meeting 1 of 2)
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 review documents align with OFPA criteria

• Different criteria for production uses vs. handling

• Additional criteria for synthetic processing aids and adjuvants at § 205.600(b)
Materials Proposals - Crops

This meeting:

• No petitions on agenda
• Marine algae listings on the National List
Outstanding Petitions - Crops

Under Subcommittee review:

- Allyl Isothiocyanate (AITC)*
- Ammonium nonanoate
- Anaerobic digestate*
- Fatty alcohols*
- Natamycin*
- Polyoxin D Zinc Salt*
- Sodium citrate*

*Technical reports requested or in development

Petitions available on the NOP website
Outstanding Petitions - Livestock

Under Review:

- Glycolic acid*
- Hypochlorous acid*
- Sulfur*
- Thymol
- Aquaculture (x10)

Petitions available on the NOP website

*Technical reports requested or in development
Outstanding Petitions – Handling

This meeting:

- Short DNA Tracers
- L-Methionine

Petitions available on the NOP website
Other Materials Proposals - Handling

This meeting:

• Tocopherols – annotation change
• Marine algae listings
• Ancillary substances for cellulose
• Bisphenol A (BPA) in packaging
  – Discussion document only (no vote at this meeting)
Outstanding Petitions – Handling

Under Subcommittee Review

- Sodium dodecyl benzene sulfonate (SDBS)
- Silver dihydrogen citrate*
- Sodium chlorite, for generation of chlorine dioxide gas

Petitions available on the NOP website

*Technical reports requested or in development
Outstanding Petitions – Handling (cont.)

Under Subcommittee Review

- Ethiopian pepper, 205.606
- Japones pepper, 205.606
- Tamarind seed gum, 205.606

Petitions available on the NOP website

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Other Technical Reports – Status Update

In development:

– Bisphenol A (Handling)
– Anaerobic digestate (Crops)

Now available:

– Newspaper & other recycled paper (Crops)
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 2019

• Crops: 13 listings
• Livestock: 8 listings
• Handling: 14 listings
Sunset 2019

- Includes materials advanced for Sunset under the Fall 2016 NOSB recommendation for Sunset Review - Efficient Workload Reorganization
  - 1 material with a 2019 sunset date (biodegradable biobased mulch film)
  - 34 materials under review early under the efficient workload reorganization
Sunset 2019 (cont.)

• Considered at Spring 2017 and Fall 2017 NOSB meetings
• Voting will occur at Fall 2017 meeting
• National List materials and sunset dates are available on agenda and in the NOP Handbook
• See NOP 5611: National List Sunset Dates
Thank you!
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