

Formal Recommendation
From: National Organic Standards Board (NOSB)
To: the National Organic Program (NOP)

Date: October 30, 2020

Subject: Sodium Carbonate Lignin

NOSB Chair: Steve Ela

The NOSB hereby recommends to the NOP the following:

Other: None

Statement of the Recommendation:

The NOSB voted to classify sodium carbonate lignin as synthetic, and voted unanimously to not add it to the National List based on OFPA 6518(m) that there are alternatives to using the substance in terms of practices or other available materials.

Rationale Supporting Recommendation:

Sodium carbonate lignin was petitioned for use in organic crop production through addition to the National List at 205.601(j)(4) of "lignins" as a dust suppressant. The NOSB has rejected this petition by unanimous vote based on available alternatives. The substance is a synthetic and there are already numerous other non-synthetics on the List that fulfill this function.

NOSB Vote:

Classification Motion:

Motion to classify sodium carbonate lignin as synthetic

Motion by: Rick Greenwood

Seconded by: Dave Mortensen

Yes: 15 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0 Recuse: 0

Motion Passed

National List Motion:

Motion to add sodium carbonate lignin at 205.601(j)(4)

Motion by: Rick Greenwood

Seconded by: Steve Ela

Yes: 0 No: 15 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0 Recuse: 0

Motion Failed

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