# NOSB NATIONAL LIST FILE CHECKLIST

## **PROCESSING**

MATERIAL NAME:	#1 Calcium sulfate
	NOSB Database Form
	References
	MSDS (or equivalent)
	FASP (FDA)
<b>✓</b>	TAP Reviews from: Joe Montecalvo, Rich

Theuer, Steve Taylor, William Zimmer, Walter

Jeffery

## NOSB/NATIONAL LIST COMMENT FORM PROCESSING

Material Name: #1 Calcium sulfate

Please use this page to write down comments, questions, and your anticipated vote(s	<i>)</i> .
COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:	

1. In my opinion, this material is:
Synthetic Non-synthetic.
2. Should this material be allowed in an "organic food" (95% or higher organic ingredients)? Yes No (IF NO, PROCEED TO QUESTION 3.)
3. Should this substance be allowed in a "food made with organic ingredients" (50% or higher organic ingredients)? Yes No

This file is due back to us by: Aug. 5, 1996
Name of Material: Calcium Sulfate
Reviewer Name: William A. Zimmer DVMRECEIVED JUL 3 0 1996
Is this substance Synthetic or non-synthetic? Explain (if appropriate)  Non-synthetic - commonly found natural mined are If synthetic, how is the material made? (please answer here if our database form is blank)
This material should be added to the National List as: Synthetic Allowed Prohibited Natural
or, Non-synthetic (Allowed as an ingredient in organic food)  Non-synthetic (Allowed as a processing aid for organic food)  or, this material should not be on the National List
Are there any use restrictions or limitations that should be placed on this material on the National List?  Large reserves of calcium sulfate (gy sum) exist which are by products of industrial processing. These should not be allowed for organic use due to contaminate with numerous potentially toxic substances - solvents, etc.  Please comment on the accuracy of the information in the file: freperties - naturally occurring gray, white eres  Type of Use - soil nutrient, amendment providing calcium and sulfur.  Any additional comments? (attachments welcomed)
Intermation currently limited to processing only!
Do you have a commercial interest in this material? X Yes; No Signature William Official MiDate 7/8/96

(1) the potential of such substances for detrimental chemical interactions with other materials used in organic farming systems;

As Soil nutrient - mone
As formal nutrient - minimal, excessive feeding levels could produce a sulfate
excess. Under the anaerobic conditions of the digestive

(2) the toxicity and mode of action of the substance and of its breakdown products or If fed at normal any contaminants, and their persistence and areas of concentration in the environment;

None - toxic compenses could only arise from contaminante added to calcium sulfate as byproducts of industrial processing

(3) the probability of environmental contamination during manufacture, use, misuse or disposal of such substance; none - land application frondes usable plant nutrients

(4) the effect of the substance on human health;

part Applicable

- (5) the effects of the substance on biological and chemical interactions in the agroecosystem, including the physiological effects of the substance on soil organisms (including the salt index and solubility of the soil), crops and livestock;

  Source of soil nutrients calcium and sulfur, benerally considered to improve soil tilth, biological activity and soil productivity. Source of available crop nutrients, source of available livestock nutrients.
- (6) the alternatives to using the substance in terms of practices or other available materials; and Combinations of other sulfur or calcium containing compounds. Eg. Calcium Carbonate, Calcium oxide, potassium Sulfate, Magnesium sulfate, elementat sulfur. As nutrient su
- (7) its compatibility with a system of sustainable agriculture.

very compatible

This file is due back to us by: Aug. 5, 1996
Name of Material: Calcium Sulfate
Reviewer Name: KC Theur RECEIVED AUG 0 5 1996
Is this substance Synthetic or non-synthetic? Explain (if appropriate)
If synthetic, how is the material made? (please answer here if our database form is blank)
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This material should be added to the National List as:
Synthetic Allowed Prohibited Natural
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Are there any use restrictions or limitations that should be placed on this material on the National List?
Please comment on the accuracy of the information in the file:
Any additional comments? (attachments welcomed)
Do you have a commercial interest in this material? Yes; No
Signature Mate S/5/96

#### USDA/TAP REVIEWER COMMENT FORM

Mailing date: 1 Jul 1996. Due date: 5 Aug 1996

Name of Materials: Calcium Sulfate, Food Grade

Reviewer Name: Richard C. Theuer

SYNTHETIC: The natural mineral "gypsum" is calcium sulfate. However, for food use the purity requirements demand a synthetic material made by reacting calcium hydroxide with sulfuric acid. Both calcium hydroxide and sulfuric acid are synthetic materials, so their reaction product, calcium sulfate, is synthetic as well.

#### COMMENTS RE SECTION 2119(m) CRITERIA:

- 1. Inhalation of calcium sulfate dust is the only real hazard with this material.
- 2. Calcium is an essential nutrient, the level of which must be labeled in the Nutrition Facts box. Calcium sulfate is relative insoluble but has some bioavailability.
- 3. Calcium sulfate (gypsum) is used to treat clay soils so the relatively small amounts of calcium sulfate used in foods would not represent a hazard to soil microorganisms or crops.

The following synthetic substance should be allowed as an ingredient in organic foods. It should be added to the National List of synthetic substances allowed for use as ingredients or processing aids in Organic Food:

calcium sulfate

August 5, 1996

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Reviewer Name: Stuc la	ylor
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Are there any use restrictions placed on this material on the	or limitations that should be National List?
Please comment on the accuracy of	the information in the file:
Any additional comments? (att	achments welcomed)
Do you have a commercial interest  Signature Star Taylor	

(1) the potential of such substances for detrimental chemical interactions with other materials used in organic farming systems;

(2) the toxicity and mode of action of the substance and of its breakdown products or any contaminants, and their persistence and areas of concentration in the environment;

Calcium Sulfate is a nutrient source for Ca; toxicity observed only at very high doses.

(3) the probability of environmental contamination during manufacture, use, misuse or disposal of such substance;

Virtually none

(4) the effect of the substance on human health;

Beneficial effect from as source of calcium

(5) the effects of the substance on biological and chemical interactions in the agroecosystem, including the physiological effects of the substance on soil organisms (including the salt index and solubility of the soil), crops and livestock;

W/A

(6) the alternatives to using the substance in terms of practices or other available materials; and

Other calcium salts

(7) its compatibility with a system of sustainable agriculture.

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- Should only be used a	ACA EIRMING Agent CORCAI	ned veglables generally L 0.1%
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Any additional com	ments? (attachment	s welcomed)
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#### **NOSB Materials Database**

#### <u>Identification</u>

**Common Name** 

Calcium Sulfate

**Chemical Name** 

**Other Names** 

Code #: CAS

Reg. No. 7778-18-9

Code #: Other

N. L. Category

**MSDS** 

yes ○ no

### Chemistry

**Family** 

Composition

CaSO4. H2O CASO4 OR CASO4. 2 H2 0

**Properties** 

Calcium sulfate is anhydrous or contains two molecules of water of hydration. It occurs as a fine, white to slightly yellow white, oderless powder.

How Made - From wature: Source and as a Ryproduct in many chemical operations

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### Use/Action

Type of Use

Processing

Specific Use(s)

Nutrient; dietary supplement; yeast food; dough conditioner; firming agent;

sequestrant. - in frewing

Action

**Combinations** 

Potatoes

#### Status

**OFPA** 

N. L. Restriction EPA, FDA, etc

**Directions** 

Safety Guidelines

Historical status

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# NOSB Materials Database OFPA Criteria

2119(m)2: toxicity & persistence

2119(m)3: manufacture & disposal consequences

2119(m)4: effect on human health

2119(m)5: agroecosystem biology

2119(m)6: alternatives to substance

2119(m)7: Is it compatible?

References

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- (3) the probability of environmental contamination during manufacture, use, misuse or disposal of such substance;

very little

(4) the effect of the substance on human health;

non-toxic,

- (5) the effects of the substance on biological and chemical interactions in the agroecosystem, including the physiological effects of the substance on soil organisms (including the salt index and solubility of the soil), crops and livestock;
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#### <u>Status</u>

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**Directions** 

**Safety Guidelines** 

Historical status

InternationI status

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MSDS for CALCIUM SULFATE, DIHYDRATE, POWDER Page 1
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1 - PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION
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PRODUCT NAME: CALCIUM SULFATE, DIHYDRATE, POWDER
FORMULA: CASO4 2H2O
FORMULA WT:172.17
CAS NO.: 10101-41-4
NIOSH/RTECS NO.: EW4150000
COMMON SYNONYMS: GYPSUM; ALABASTER; C.I. 77231; C.I. PIGMENT WHITE 25
PRODUCT CODES: 1452
 EFFECTIVE: 05/05/86
 REVISION #01
 PRECAUTIONARY LABELLING
BAKER SAF-T-DATA(TM) SYSTEM
      - 0 NONE
 FLAMMABILITY - 0 NONE
 REACTIVITY - 0 NONE
 CONTACT - 1 SLIGHT
HAZARD RATINGS ARE 0 TO 4 (0 = NO HAZARD; 4 = EXTREME HAZARD).
LABORATORY PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT
SAFETY GLASSES; LAB COAT
PRECAUTIONARY LABEL STATEMENTS
CAUTION
MAY CAUSE IRRITATION
DURING USE AVOID CONTACT WITH EYES, SKIN, CLOTHING. WASH THOROUGHLY AFTER
HANDLING. WHEN NOT IN USE KEEP IN TIGHTLY CLOSED CONTAINER.
SAF-T-DATA(TM) STORAGE COLOR CODE: ORANGE (GENERAL STORAGE)
2 - HAZARDOUS COMPONENTS
COMPONENT% CAS NO.
 NOT APPLICABLE
3 - PHYSICAL DATA
BOILING POINT: N/AVAPOR PRESSURE (MM HG): N/A
MELTING POINT: N/AVAPOR DENSITY(AIR=1): N/A
SPECIFIC GRAVITY: 2.32 EVAPORATION RATE: N/A
(H2O=1) (BUTYL ACETATE=1)
MSDS for CALCIUM SULFATE, DIHYDRATE, POWDER Page 2
SOLUBILITY (H2O): MODERATE (1 TO 10 %) % VOLATILES BY VOLUME: 0
APPEARANCE & ODOR: WHITE, ODORLESS POWDER.
4 - FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA
FLASH POINT (CLOSED CUP: N/A
FLAMMABLE LIMITS: UPPER - N/A % LOWER - N/A %
FIRE EXTINGUISHING MEDIA
 USE EXTINGUISHING MEDIA APPROPRIATE FOR SURROUNDING FIRE.
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SPECIAL FIRE-FIGHTING PROCEDURES

FIREFIGHTERS SHOULD WEAR PROPER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS WITH FULL, FACEPIECE OPERATED IN POSITIVE PRESSURE MODE.

TOXIC GASES PRODUCED

SULFUR DIOXIDE

5 - HEALTH HAZARD DATA

CARCINOGENICITY: NTP: NO IARC: NO Z LIST: NO OSHA REG: NO

EFFECTS OF OVEREXPOSURE

DUST MAY IRRITATE EYES.

TARGET ORGANS

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MSDS for CALCIUM SULFATE, 1/2-HYDRATE, POWDER Page 1
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1 - PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION
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PRODUCT NAME: CALCIUM SULFATE, 1/2-HYDRATE, POWDER
FORMULA: CASO4 1/2H2O
FORMULA WT:145.15
CAS NO.: 7778-18-9
COMMON SYNONYMS: PLASTER OF PARIS; DRIED GYPSUM
PRODUCT CODES: 1463
 EFFECTIVE: 05/22/86
 REVISION #01
 PRECAUTIONARY LABELLING
BAKER SAF-T-DATA(TM) SYSTEM
 HEALTH - 1 SLIGHT
 FLAMMABILITY - 0 NONE
 REACTIVITY - 0 NONE
 CONTACT - 1 SLIGHT
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3 - PHYSICAL DATA
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BOILING POINT: N/AVAPOR PRESSURE(MM HG): N/A
MELTING POINT: N/AVAPOR DENSITY(AIR=1): N/A
SPECIFIC GRAVITY: N/AEVAPORATION RATE: N/A
(H2O=1) (BUTYL ACETATE=1)
SOLUBILITY (H2O): SLIGHT (0.1 TO 1 %) % VOLATILES BY VOLUME: 0
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TOXIC GASES PRODUCED

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#### 5 - HEALTH HAZARD DATA

CARCINOGENICITY: NTP: NO IARC: NO Z LIST: NO OSHA REG: NO EFFECTS OF OVEREXPOSURE

DUST MAY IRRITATE SKIN OR EYES.

TARGET ORGANS

NONE IDENTIFIED

MEDICAL CONDITIONS GENERALLY AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE

NONE IDENTIFIED

ROUTES OF ENTRY

NONE INDICATED

EMERGENCY AND FIRST AID PROCEDURES

INGESTION: IF SWALLOWED AND THE PERSON IS CONSCIOUS, IMMEDIATELY GIVE LARGE AMOUNTS OF WATER. GET MEDICAL ATTENTION.

INHALATION: IF A PERSON BREATHES IN LARGE AMOUNTS, MOVE THE EXPOSED PERSON TO FRESH AIR. GET MEDICAL ATTENTION.

EYE CONTACT: IMMEDIATELY FLUSH WITH PLENTY OF WATER FOR AT LEAST 15 MINUTES. GET MEDICAL ATTENTION.

SKIN CONTACT: IMMEDIATELY WASH WITH PLENTY OF SOAP AND WATER FOR AT LEAST 15 MINUTES.

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#### 6 - REACTIVITY DATA

STABILITY: STABLEHAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION: WILL NOT OCCUR CONDITIONS TO AVOID: NONE DOCUMENTED

MSDS for CALCIUM SULFATE, 1/2-HYDRATE, POWDER Page 3

INCOMPATIBLES: ALUMINUM, STRONG ACIDS

DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: OXIDES OF SULFUR

#### 7 - SPILL AND DISPOSAL PROCEDURES

STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN THE EVENT OF A SPILL OR DISCHARGE

WEAR SUITABLE PROTECTIVE CLOTHING. CAREFULLY SWEEP UP AND REMOVE. DISPOSAL PROCEDURE

DISPOSE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS.

#### 8 - PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

VENTILATION: USE ADEQUATE GENERAL OR LOCAL EXHAUST VENTILATION TO KEEP FUME OR DUST LEVELS AS LOW AS POSSIBLE.

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION: NONE REQUIRED WHERE ADEQUATE VENTILATION CONDITIONS EXIST. IF AIRBORNE CONCENTRATION IS

HIGH, USE AN APPROPRIATE RESPIRATOR OR DUST MASK.

EYE/SKIN PROTECTION: SAFETY GLASSES WITH SIDESHIELDS, PROPER GLOVES ARE RECOMMENDED.

9 - STORAGE AND HANDLING PRECAUTIONS
SAF-T-DATA(TM) STORAGE COLOR CODE: ORANGE (GENERAL STORAGE) SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS KEEP CONTAINER TIGHTLY CLOSED. SUITABLE FOR ANY GENERAL CHEMICAL STORAGE AREA.
10 - TRANSPORTATION DATA AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
DOMESTIC (D.O.T.)  PROPER SHIPPING NAME CHEMICALS, N.O.S. (NON-REGULATED)  INTERNATIONAL (I.M.O.)  PROPER SHIPPING NAME CHEMICALS, N.O.S. (NON-REGULATED)

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MSDS for CALCIUM SULFATE, ANHYDROUS, POWDER Page 1
1 - PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION
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PRODUCT NAME: CALCIUM SULFATE, ANHYDROUS, POWDER
FORMULA: CASO4
FORMULA WT:136.14
CAS NO.: 07778-18-9
COMMON SYNONYMS: ANHYDRITE; ANHYDROUS GYPSUM
PRODUCT CODES: 1458
 EFFECTIVE: 05/22/86
 REVISION #01
 PRECAUTIONARY LABELLING
BAKER SAF-T-DATA(TM) SYSTEM
      - 1 SLIGHT
 HEALTH
 FLAMMABILITY - 0 NONE
 REACTIVITY - 0 NONE
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2 - HAZARDOUS COMPONENTS
COMPONENT'S CAS NO.
 NOT APPLICABLE
3 - PHYSICAL DATA
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BOILING POINT: N/AVAPOR PRESSURE(MM HG): N/A
MELTING POINT: 1450 C ( 2642 F) VAPOR DENSITY(AIR=1): N/A
SPECIFIC GRAVITY: 2.96 EVAPORATION RATE: N/A
(H2O=1) (BUTYL ACETATE=1)
SOLUBILITY(H2O): SLIGHT (0.1 TO 1 %) % VOLATILES BY VOLUME: 0
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APPEARANCE & ODOR: WHITE ODORLESS GRANULES.
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FLAMMABLE LIMITS: UPPER - N/A % LOWER - N/A %
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