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

Date: April 29, 2011

Subject: Annotation change to amend 205.601 (j) (4) Lignin sulfonate--to read ‘a chelating agent and dust suppressant’.

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):

The recommendation is to amend the annotation for lignin sulfonate on 205.601(j)(4), to read “a chelating agent and dust suppressant. The motion passed 14 yes, 0 no.

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

Subsection (j) is Materials for use as Plant or Soil Amendments, and so the specific annotation that includes, in this particular listing, as a flotation aid, that's why it appears to be not applicable, so we opted to get rid of it. Because in the context of being a plant or soil amendment, it is not also a flotation aid.

Committee Vote:

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(j) As plant or soil amendments.
(4)Lignin sulfonate—chelating agent, dust suppressant, flotation agent.

Committee Summary

In addition to the separate recommendation on the annotation change for this material on § 205.601(l)(1), it was also noted that there is a duplicate listing as a flotation agent in (j) As plant or soil amendments, so the Crops Committee is recommending relisting lignin sulfonate as plant or soil amendments with the annotation change: chelating agent, dust suppressant.

Committee Recommendation

Relist lignin sulfonate on § 205.601(j)(4) with the amended annotation: chelating agent, dust suppressant.

Committee Vote

Motion: Tina Ellor  Second: Nick Maravell
Yes: 5           No: 0           Absent: 2       Abstain: 0       Recuse: 0