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

Date: December 2, 2011
Subject: Animal Enzymes: National List § 205.605(a) Sunset 2013
Chair: Tracy Miedema

The NOSB hereby recommends to the NOP the following:

Rulemaking Action

Statement of the Recommendation (Including Recount of Vote):

The National Organic Standards Board voted 14 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstentions, and 0 Recusals for relisting of Animal Enzymes to the National List section 205.605(a) as follows: Animal enzymes—(Rennet—animals derived; Catalase—bovine liver; Animal lipase; Pancreatin; Pepsin; and Trypsin).

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

Federal register notice of the sunset of these materials elicited no public comments against re-listing.

Review of the original recommendation, historical documents, and public comments does not reveal unacceptable risks to the environment, human, or animal health as a result of the use or manufacture of this material. There is no new information contradicting the original recommendation which was the basis for the previous NOSB decision to list this material.

The committee recommendation for this material is attached.

NOSB Vote:

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List: 205.605 Nonagricultural (nonorganic) substances allowed as ingredients in or on processed products labeled as “organic” or “made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s)).”

(a) Nonsynthetics allowed

Committee Summary:
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Committee Vote:
The handling committee recommends the renewal of the following substance in this use category as published in the final rule:

Animal enzymes—(Rennet—animals derived; Catalase—bovine liver; Animal lipase; Pancreatin; Pepsin; and Trypsin).

Moved: Steve DeMuri  Second: Katrina Heinze
Yes: 5  No: 0  Abstain: 0  Absent: 2