

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

Date: **October 28, 2010**

Subject: **Sunset review of glycerides on National List**

Chair: **Daniel G. Giacomini**

The NOSB hereby recommends to the NOP the following:

Rulemaking Action X

Statement of the Recommendation (Including Recount of Vote):

In an organic processing context, mono- and di-glycerides are used only in drum drying of foods. The NOSB makes the following recommendation to re-list mono- and di-glycerides on 7 CFR §205.605(b):

Glycerides (mono and di)—for use only in drum drying of food.

The NOSB unanimously passed the motion to relist mono- and di-glycerides by a vote of 14-0. This is a reaffirmation of the previous vote to relist this material at the Spring 2010 NOSB meeting.

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

The recommendation to re-list mono- and di-glycerides in 7 CFR §205.605(b) was made in accordance with the National Organic Program and the NOSB's Policy & Procedures Manual. The substance is consistent with OFPA 1990 and NOP regulations and evaluation criteria.

NOSB Vote:

Moved: John Foster		Second: Tina Ellor		
Yes: 14	No: 0	Abstain: 0	Absent: 0	Recusal: 0

**National Organic Standards Board
Handling Committee
Sunset Recommendation – 2012
Glycerides (Mono and Di)**

August 30, 2010

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)).”

(b) Synthetics allowed:

Glycerides (mono and di)—for use only in drum drying of food.

Committee Summary

Federal register notice of the sunset of these materials brought forth public comment against re-listing mono- and di-glycerides in favor of a certified organic alternative. This comment was provided by the manufacturer of the proposed alternative substance. At that time and since that time, no documentation has been provided (such as testimonials from food manufacturers using the proposed alternate) to demonstrate the utility of the proposed alternate in applications of mono- and di-glycerides. Several commenters supported re-listing this material during in April-May of 2010.

In an organic processing context, mono- and di-glycerides are used only in drum drying of foods.

Review of the original recommendations, historical documents, and public comments does not reveal unacceptable risks to the environment, human, or animal health as a result of the use or manufacture of these materials. There is no new information contradicting the original recommendation which were the basis for the previous NOSB decisions to list and re-list these materials.

Committee Recommendation(s)

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

Glycerides (mono and di)—for use only in drum drying of food.

Committee Vote

Motion: John Foster Second: Joe Smillie
Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1