

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

Date: **October 28, 2010**

Subject: **Sunset review of ferrous sulfate on National List**

Chair: **Daniel G. Giacomini**

The NOSB hereby recommends to the NOP the following:

Rulemaking Action X
Guidance Statement
Other

Statement of the Recommendation (Including Recount of Vote):

Ferrous sulfate is used to fortify foods. The NOSB makes the following recommendation to re-list ferrous sulfate on 7 CFR §205.605(b):

Ferrous sulfate

The NOSB unanimously passed the motion to relist ferrous sulfate by a vote of 14-0.

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

The recommendation to re-list ferrous sulfate 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: Steve DeMuri		
Yes: 14	No: 0	Abstain: 0	Absent: 0	Recusal: 0

**National Organic Standards Board
Handling Committee
Sunset Recommendation – 2012
Ferrous Sulfate**

September 7, 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:

Ferrous sulfate

Committee Summary

Federal register notice of the sunset of these materials brought forth no public comments against re-listing ferrous sulfate. Several commenters supported re-listing this material.

Ferrous sulfate is used to fortify 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Review of the original recommendations, historical documents, and public comments does not reveal unacceptable risks to the environment, human, or animal health as a result of the use or manufacture of these materials.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:

Ferrous sulfate—for iron enrichment or fortification of foods when required by regulation or recommended (independent organization).

Committee Vote

Motion: John Foster	Second: Steve DeMuri
Yes: 6	No: 0
	Abstain: 0
	Absent: 1