

**FORMAL RECOMMENDATION BY THE  
NATIONAL ORGANIC STANDARDS BOARD (NOSB)  
TO THE NATIONAL ORGANIC PROGRAM (NOP)**

**Date:** 6-08-06

**Subject:** Sunset Renewal Vote for Chlorine Materials under 205.605b synthetics allowed.

**Chair:** Kevin O'Rell

**Recommendation**

The NOSB hereby recommends to the NOP the following:

Rulemaking Action: XXXXXX

Guidance Statement: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Statement of the Recommendation (including Recount of Vote):**

Recommendation to Renew Chlorine Materials, 205.605b synthetics allowed.

Moved: Julie Weisman      Second: Nancy Ostiguy

Yes – 12

No – 0

Abstain – 0

Absent – 2

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

Sunset Material Vote

**Response by the NOP:**

**National Organic Standards Board  
Handling Committee  
Final Recommendation for Chlorine Materials**

**April 20, 2006**

**I. 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 groups.”**

**(b) Synthetics allowed**

**II. Committee Summary:** The federal register notice regarding Sunset Review asked the public to provide evidence and address concerns for any substance they believed should be discontinued. Of the many comments received recommending the continued allowance of chlorine materials in organic handling, there were no specific comments against the continuation of chlorine materials on the National List.

In addition the NOSB requested that a Technical Evaluation Report be conducted reviewing chlorine use in organic handling. The NOSB received this technical report dated January 6, 2006, which favorably answered the criteria questions for substances to be used in organic handling. This technical review did not indicate that there is any new information about chlorine materials since its original petition that would make it inconsistent with organic practices. Based on the public comments from Sunset Review and the Technical Report, the Handling Committee recommends the continued use of the substance: **chlorine materials**.

**III. NOSB Recommendation(s):** The handling committee recommends the renewal of the following substances in this use category as published in the final rule § 205.605(b):

**Chlorine materials - disinfecting and sanitizing food contact surfaces, Except, That, residual chlorine levels in the water shall not exceed the maximum residual disinfectant limit under the Safe Drinking Water Act (Calcium hypochlorite; Chlorine dioxide; and Sodium hypochlorite).**

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*Board vote: Yes – 12*

*No – 0*

*Abstain – 0*

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