National Organic Program Update for the National Organic Standards Board Meeting Spring 2020 – Part 2

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Department Updates: USDA Response
https://www.usda.gov/coronavirus
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The public-private partnership of organic certification is resilient and robust

The USDA organic regulations drive compliance!
Rulemaking Updates

Strengthening Organic Enforcement

• NOP has responded to Office Management and Budget (OMB) questions.
• We will publish the rule and open public comment once OMB clears the rule.
• We need your input – please submit a comment!

Origin of Livestock

• Draft of final rule is complete.
• Final rule is moving through “clearance” process.
• Following USDA review, final rule will go to OMB for final review.
Electronic Organic Import Certificates

- Electronic version of NOP Import Certificate released in Customs and Border Protection’s import shipment filing system.
- Optional for now – proposed as required in Strengthening Organic Enforcement rule.
- Allows NOP to access data from Import Certificates and build analytical tools.
- U.S. importers who wish to request the NOP Import Certificate from exporters and include in their import filings may do so at any time.
NOSB Call for Nominations - OPEN

• **Submission Deadline:** June 1, 2020
• USDA seeks to fill five vacancies:
  o Two (2) individuals who own or operate an organic farming operation, or employees of such individuals
  o Two (2) individuals who represent public interest or consumer interest groups
  o One (1) individual who is a USDA-accredited certifying agent
• **How to Apply:** https://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/organic/nosb/nomination-process