

NOSB ITEM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) is seeking public comment on recommendations regarding "Handling Operation Ingredient Affidavit Template" until November 29, 2002. With respect to receipt of comments by the NOSB during the comment period, the following provisions have been established to ensure that your comment has the greatest probability of being received and reviewed by the Board:

- **Mail:** Persons may submit comments on listed Board recommendations by mail to: The National Organic Standards Board; c/o Katherine Benham; Room 4008 - South Building; 1400 and Independence Avenue, SW; Washington, D.C. 20250-0001.
 - **E-mail:** Comments may be sent via internet to respective Board committees by submitting an E-mail to Board committee E-mail accounts provided with each recommendation.
 - **Fax:** Comments may be submitted by fax to (202) 205-7808.
 - Clearly indicate if you are for or against the Board recommendation or some part of it and why. Include recommended wording changes as appropriate.
 - Include a copy of articles or other references that support your comments. Only relevant material should be submitted.
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Handling Operation Ingredient Affidavit

Section 205.601 through 205.606 is a list of allowed and prohibited substances as provided for in the Act. Members of the organic community have expressed a need for guidance concerning documentation of ingredients. Specifically documentation ensuring ingredients have been produced and handled according to annotation.

The following Ingredient Affidavit is designed to assist handlers in documenting that finished materials are produced and handled only in accordance with any restrictions specified in this section.

Recommendation:

The Processing Committee recommends the following Ingredient Affidavit Template be submitted to the National Organic Program as a guidance document for handling operations.

**7 CFR Part 205
National List -Section 205.600- 205.606
Ingredient Affidavit - Template**

Current Date

Dear Supplier:

Ingredient ID =

"Name of Handler" manufactures a finished product that is "organic" or "made with organic ingredients" as defined under 7 CFR part 205 of the National Organic Program. Section 205.601 through Section 205.606 is a list of allowed and prohibited substances as provided for in the Act.

"Name of Material and Annotation (if applicable)"
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The finished material or ingredient described above is allowed for use according to the description and annotation in the following section.

- 205.601 -Synthetic substances allowed for use in organic crop production
- 205.603 -Nonsynthetic substances prohibited for use in organic crop production
- 205.604 -Nonsynthetic substances prohibited for use in organic livestock production
- 205.605 -Nonagricultural (nonorganic) substances allowed as in or on processed products labeled as "organic" or "made with organic".
- 205.606 -Nonorganically produced agricultural products allowed as ingredients in or on processed products labeled as "organic" or "made with organic".

Additionally, the following restrictions apply per section **Section 205.105 of the National Organic Program:**

There are allowed and prohibited substances, methods, and ingredients in organic production and handling. The material or ingredient supplied must be produced and handled without the use of;

- (e) Excluded methods, except for vaccines; Provided, That, the vaccines are approved in accordance with Section 205.600(a)
- (f) Ionizing radiation, as described in Food and Drug Administration regulation, 21 CFR 179.26; and
- (g) Sewage sludge.

As the primary supplier of a finished material or ingredient allowed for use in organic production, please verify that, to the best of your knowledge, you have not used any prohibited substances, methods, or ingredients in the production and handling of the finished material or ingredient product

I attest that the ingredients listed meet the criteria of the National Organic Program..		
Name of Material:		
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Name of Company:		
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Signature	Position	Date
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