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National List: Materials Update

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Evaluation Criteria for Materials

- Criteria are provided for in the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (OFPA)
- Petition guidelines, technical report evaluation questions and NOSB checklists align with OFPA criteria
- Different criteria for production uses vs. handling
- Additional criteria for synthetic processing aids and adjuvants at § 205.600(b)



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This meeting:

- 6 petitioned materials on the agenda
- 198 material listings for Sunset 2017 (meeting #2 for Sunset)
- NOSB will complete its Sunset 2017 review at this meeting



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Outstanding Petitions - Crops

This meeting:

- Laminarin
- Lignin sulfonate (to remove)
- Sulfuric acid
- Seaweed extracts (aquatic plants extracts)



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Outstanding Petitions - Crops

Under Subcommittee Review:

- Aluminum sulfate*
- Ash from manure burning
- Soy wax
- Squid and Squid Byproducts*

* Technical report in development

Petitions are posted on the NOP website



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Withdrawn Petitions - Crops

- Anaerobic digestate - pH adjusted with sulfuric acid

Petition is posted on the NOP website



Outstanding Petitions - Livestock

Under Subcommittee review:

- Acid-activated bentonite
- Aluminum sulfate
- Sodium bisulfate
- Aquaculture petitions (x10)

Petitions are posted on the NOP website



Outstanding Petitions – Handling

This meeting:

- Sodium lactate and potassium lactate
- Flavors



Outstanding Petitions – Handling

Under Subcommittee Review

- Hypochlorous acid*
- Oat beta-glucan

* Technical report now available

Petitions are posted on the NOP website



Voting Procedures

- For petitioned substances, NOSB votes on two motions:
 - 1st motion: Classification (if not previously classified)
 - Synthetic / Nonsynthetic
 - Agricultural / Nonagricultural
 - 2nd motion: To list/remove/amend
- 2/3 majority needed for decisive vote



Sunset 2017 Materials

- The majority of materials on the National List are scheduled to Sunset in 2017
- The complete list of Sunset 2017 materials is available on the agenda



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Annotation Changes

- Proposals for annotation changes will be considered separate from Sunset 2017
- Because they are not tied to the sunset timeline, annotation changes can also be further considered at future NOSB meetings



Sunset 2018 Preview

- 15 listings for crop production and handling materials
- Sunset dates: May 29, 2018 and November 3, 2018
- Will be considered at Spring 2016 and Fall 2016 NOSB meetings



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Sunset 2018 Preview

Technical Reports in Development:

- Peracetic acid (Crops)
- Carrageenan (Handling)
- Cellulose (Handling)
- Glucono delta-lactone (Handling)
- Potassium Hydroxide (Handling)



Sunset 2018 Preview

- National List materials and sunset dates are available in the NOP Handbook
- See [NOP 5611: National List Sunset Dates](#)



Update – Petition Process

- NOP is continuing to work on implementing two NOSB recommendations from April 2014 to update the National List Petition Process, including changes to Confidential Business Information
- The new procedures will become effective after publication in the Federal Register



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Thank you!

