

**National Organic Standards Board
Handling Subcommittee
Statement on proposed reclassification of xanthan gum
September 6, 2016**

The Handling Subcommittee requested an updated technical report on xanthan gum, focusing on the manufacturing process, to determine if it is synthetic or non-synthetic. After reviewing the information provided, it appears that there is more than one way to produce xanthan gum; some of the methods may be non-synthetic while others may lead to what the NOSB would classify as synthetic. Based on this determination, the Handling Subcommittee has concluded to take no further action on re-classification of xanthan gum at this time.