

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

Date: 05/06/09

Subject: Policy & Procedures Manual Update to Section IV

Chair: Jeff Moyer

Recommendation

The NOSB hereby recommends to the NOP the following:

Rulemaking Action: _____
Guidance Statement: _____
Other: X

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

Section IV of the Policy and Procedures Manual updated to more accurately reflect current committee descriptions. The following descriptions highlight recommended changes is track change.

NOSB Vote: **Motion: Barry Flamm** **Second: Bea James**

Board vote: Yes - 13 No- 1 Abstain- 0 Absent - 1

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

To provide useful information to Board Members, especially new members.

Response by the NOP:

No objections

National Organic Standards Board

Policy Development Committee

Recommendation for amendment to NOSB Policy and Procedure Manual Section IV

May 6, 2009

Introduction: Section IV of the Policy and Procedures Manual needs to be updated to more accurately reflect current committee descriptions. The following descriptions highlight recommended changes in track change.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Certification, Accreditation, and Compliance Committee (CACC) The Certification, Accreditation, and Compliance Committee drafts recommendations for consideration by the Board ~~concerning the applicability to provide~~ to provide guidance, clarification or proposed standards of certification, accreditation and compliance sections of the organic regulations [7CFR Part 205] and OFPA. The CACC occasionally works with other committees to develop joint recommendations where certification and compliance issues are involved.

Crops Committee (CC) The Crops Committee drafts recommendations for consideration by the Board to provide guidance, clarification or proposed standards of ~~concerning the the~~ crop production section of the organic regulations as contained in [7CFR Part 205] and OFPA. The ~~Crops Committee-CC~~ reviews petitions, substances scheduled to sunset, technical advisory panel reports, and public comments concerning materials used for crop production which have been requested for addition to or removal from the National List. The CC occasionally works with other committees to develop joint recommendations where crop issues are involved.

Handling Committee (HC) The Handling Committee makes draft recommendations ~~for~~ to provide guidance, clarification or proposed standards of ~~concerning~~ the handling and labeling sections of the organic regulations as contained in [7CFR Part 205] and OFPA. The ~~Handling Committee-HC~~ reviews petitions, substances scheduled to sunset, technical advisory panel reports and public comments concerning materials used for processing and handling which have been requested for addition to or removal from the National List. The HC occasionally works with other committees to develop joint recommendations where handling issues are involved.

Livestock Committee (LC) The Livestock Committee drafts recommendations for consideration by the Board to provide guidance, clarification or proposed standards of ~~concerning~~ the livestock and livestock feed sections of the organic regulations as contained in [7CFR Part 205] and OFPA. The ~~Livestock Committee-LC~~ reviews petitions, substances scheduled to sunset, technical advisory panel reports and public comments concerning materials used for livestock production which have been requested for addition to or removal from the National List. The LC occasionally works with other committees to develop joint recommendations where livestock issues are involved.

Materials Committee (MC) The Materials Committee drafts recommendations for consideration by the Board to provide guidance, clarification or proposed standards of concerning the National List section of the organic regulations as contained in [7CFR Part 205] and OFPA. The ~~Materials Committee MC~~ works with the NOP, NOSB Committees and TAP Contractors in managing the Materials Review Process including tracking petitions, sufficiency reports, materials scheduled to sunset and sunset review process. In addition to a chair appointed by the Board Chair, the ~~Materials Committee MC~~ shall include in its membership one of the co-chairs from each of the Livestock, Crops, and Handling committees. Other members may be appointed as needed. The MC occasionally works with other committees to develop joint recommendations where materials are involved.

Policy Development Committee (PDC) ~~The Policy Development Committee works with the NOP to develop priorities for the Board.~~ The Policy Development Committee shall make draft recommendations for consideration by the Board concerning to provide guidance, clarification or proposed standards of Board operations, policies, ~~procedures and procedures and work plans~~. The PDC maintains the content and updates to the NOSB Policy and Procedures Manual and New Member Guide. The PDC occasionally works with other committees to develop joint recommendations where policy issues are involved.

Recommendation:

Accept changes to section IV, page 17 of the NOSB Policy Procedure Manual to reflect updated and current committee descriptions as defined below.

Final Text with changes:

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Committee vote

Moved: Bea James Second: Steve DeMuri

Yes 4 No 0 Absent 1 Abstain 0

NOSB Vote:

Moved: Barry Flamm Second: Bea James

Yes 13 No 1 Absent 1 Abstain 1