

**Formal Recommendation by the
National Organic Standards Board (NOSB)
to the National Organic Program (NOP)**

Date: October 28, 2010

Subject: **Sunset Review of Magnesium Sulfate as listed on §205.605 (a),
nonagricultural (nonorganic) non-synthetic substances allowed
as ingredients in or on processed products labeled as “organic”
or “made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s)).”**

Chair: Daniel G. Giacomini

The NOSB hereby recommends to the NOP the following:

Rulemaking Action X

Statement of the Recommendation (Including Recount of Vote):

Magnesium sulfate is listed on 205.605(a) with the annotation “non-synthetic sources only”. This substance was scheduled to sunset off the National List in 2012, was reviewed by the NOSB, and a motion was made for the re-listing of this substance at the October 2010 meeting. The motion passed by a vote of 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions, 0 absent, and 0 recusals.

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

The Handling Committee’s recommendation covering this material is attached. There were no public written or verbal comments opposing the committee’s recommendation, and the material was recommended for relisting by the full NOSB as shown below.

NOSB Vote:

Moved: Steve DeMuri		Second: Joe Smillie		
Yes: 14	No: 0	Abstain: 0	Absent: 0	Recusal: 0

**National Organic Standards Board
Handling Committee
Sunset Recommendation – 2012
Magnesium Sulfate**

August 23, 2010

List: 205.605 Nonagricultural (nonorganic) substances allowed as ingredients in or on processed products labeled as “organic” or “made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s)).”

(a) Nonsynthetics allowed

Committee Summary:

Federal register notice of the sunset of these materials elicited no public comments against re-listing.

Review of the original recommendation, historical documents, and public comments does not reveal unacceptable risks to the environment, human, or animal health as a result of the use or manufacture of this material. There is no new information contradicting the original recommendation which was the basis for the previous NOSB decision to list this material.

Committee Recommendation(s)

The handling committee recommends the renewal of the following substance in this use category as published in the final rule:

Magnesium Sulfate – non-synthetic sources only

Committee Vote:

Motion: Steve DeMuri	Second: Joe Smillie
Yes: 5	No: 0
Abstain: 0	Absent: 2