

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

**Date:** October 28, 2010

**Subject:** Sunset Review of Hops (*Humulus lupulus*) as listed on §205.606, Nonorganically produced agricultural products allowed as ingredients in or on processed products labeled as “organic.”

**Chair:** Daniel G. Giacomini

**The NOSB hereby recommends to the NOP the following:**

Rulemaking Action      X

**Statement of the Recommendation (Including Recount of Vote):**

Hops (*Humulus lupulus*) is listed on 205.606. 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 13 yes, 1 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 some public written or verbal comments opposing the committee’s sunset recommendation, but the material was recommended for relisting by the full NOSB as shown below. A petition for removal of Hops from the National List was submitted and reviewed independently by the Handling Committee and the NOSB, and a separate recommendation has been submitted in response to that petition for the removal of Hops.

**NOSB Vote:**

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| <b>Moved:</b> Joe Smillie |              | <b>Second:</b> Steve DeMuri |                  |                   |  |
| <b>Yes:</b> 13            | <b>No:</b> 1 | <b>Abstain:</b> 0           | <b>Absent:</b> 0 | <b>Recusal:</b> 0 |  |

**National Organic Standards Board  
Handling Committee  
Sunset Recommendation – 2012  
Hops (*Humulus lupulus*)**

**August 30, 2010**

**List: 205.606 Nonorganically produced agricultural products allowed as ingredients in or on processed products labeled as “organic.”**

Hops (*Humulus lupulus*)

**Committee Summary**

Federal register notice of the sunset of this material elicited 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Review of the original recommendation, historical documents, and public comments does not reveal unacceptable risks to the environment, human or animal health as a result of the use or manufacture of this material.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 new information contradicting the original recommendation which was the basis for the previous NOSB decision to list this material. This information contained in a petition cites the increased production of organic hops. The petition calls for the removal of Hops from 205.606. The Handling committee has examined this and issued a recommendation. As a 205.606 listed material, it is subject to commercial availability scrutiny for use in organic products.

**Committee Recommendation(s)**

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

Hops (*Humulus lupulus*)

**Committee Vote:**

Motion: Joe Smillie  
Yes: 6      No: 0

Second: Steve DeMuri  
Abstain: 0      Absent: 1