

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

**Date:** 6-08-06

**Subject:** Sunset Vote Not to Renew Lecithin, bleached under 205.605b synthetics allowed.

**Chair:** Kevin O'Rell

**Recommendation**

The NOSB hereby recommends to the NOP the following:

Rulemaking Action:   XXXXX  

Guidance Statement:           

Other:           

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

Recommendation NOT to Renew Lecithin, bleached, 205.605b synthetics allowed.

Moved: Julie Weisman      Second: Nancy Ostiguy

Yes – 12

No – 0

Abstain – 0

Absent – 2

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

Sunset Material Vote

**Response by the NOP:**

**National Organic Standards Board  
Handling Committee  
Final Recommendation for Lecithin, bleached**

**April 20, 2006**

**I. 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 groups.”**

**(b) Synthetics allowed**

**II. Committee Summary:** Many comments were received recommending the continued allowance of lecithin-bleached. There were also comments opposed to the continuation of this substance. During the November NOSB meeting a manufacturer of organic lecithin announced that they could produce an organic bleached lecithin to meet the current organic market needs. As part of its due diligence, the Handling Committee contacted this manufacturer to verify the organic commercial availability of this substance. The manufacturer confirmed its availability as organic. Based on public comment that there is an organic alternative available to replace a synthetic on the National List, the HC is recommending not to renew: **lecithin-bleached**.

**III. NOSB Recommendation(s):** The handling committee recommends not renewing the following substances in this use category based on the submitted evaluation forms:

**Lecithin-bleached**

*Moved: Julie Weisman*

*Second: Nancy Ostiguy*

*Board vote: Yes – 12*

*No – 0*

*Abstain – 0*

*Absent - 2*



