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A petition is a request to amend the USDA National Organic Program's National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances (National List).

Any person may submit a petition to have a substance evaluated by the National Organic Standards Board (7 CFR 205.607(a)).

Guidelines for submitting a petition are available in the NOP Handbook as NOP 3011, National List Petition Guidelines.

Petitions are posted for the public on the NOP website for Petitioned Substances.

Technical Report

A technical report is developed in response to a petition to amend the National List. Reports are also developed to assist in the review of substances that are already on the National List.

Technical reports are completed by third-party contractors and are available to the public on the NOP website for Petitioned Substances.

Contractor names and dates completed are available in the report.



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Dear Andrea,

We have followed up with our growers in Canada where bulk rye seed is produced and learned the following. Organic seed is more difficult to produce because tools such as chemical weed control are not available. For this reason, it costs more and because it costs more demand is limited and because of limited demand, no one produces it anymore. It is kind of a vicious cycle but a fact of the situation in bulk rye seed.

I am afraid I do not have more information that this at the moment. I hope this is sufficient to move our petition forward.

If you have any further questions, I can be reached by e-mail at alex@graminex.com.

Thank you,
Alex

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