

# NOSB NATIONAL LIST FILE CHECKLIST

## PROCESSING

**MATERIAL NAME:** #21 Potassium Tartrate



**NOSB Database Form**



**References**



**MSDS (or equivalent)**



**FASP (FDA)**



**TAP Reviews from: Rich Theuer, Joe  
Montecalvo**

**NOSB/NATIONAL LIST  
COMMENT FORM  
PROCESSING**

**Material Name: #21 Potassium Tartrate**

*Please use this page to write down comments, questions, and your anticipated vote(s).*

**COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:**

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1. In my opinion, this material is:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Synthetic \_\_\_\_\_ Non-synthetic.

2. Should this material be allowed in an “organic food” (95% or higher organic ingredients)? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
**(IF NO, PROCEED TO QUESTION 3.)**

3. Should this substance be allowed in a “food made with organic ingredients” (50% or higher organic ingredients)? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

# TAP REVIEWER COMMENT FORM for USDA/NOSB

Use this page or an equivalent to write down comments and summarize your evaluation regarding the data presented in the file of this potential National List material. Complete both sides of page. Attach additional sheets if you wish.

This file is due back to us by: Sept 5, 1995

Name of Material: Potassium Tartrate

Reviewer Name: R Thew

Is this substance Synthetic or non-synthetic? Explain (if appropriate)

? DON'T KNOW

If synthetic, how is the material made? (please answer here if our database form is blank)

REQUIRE INFO. IF POTASSIUM ACID TARTRATE (CREAM OF TARTAR) IS ISOLATED FROM WINE OR GRAPE JUICE, IT WOULD BE NATURAL. NON-SYNTHETIC.

This material should be added to the National List as:

?  Synthetic Allowed  Prohibited Natural

or,  Non-synthetic (Allowed as an ingredient in organic food)

Non-synthetic (Allowed as a processing aid for organic food)

or,  this material should not be on the National List

Are there any use restrictions or limitations that should be placed on this material on the National List?

AS PART OF ALUMINUM-FREE BAKING POWDER (SODIUM BICARBONATE AND CORNSTARCH CONSTITUTE REMAINDER)

Please comment on the accuracy of the information in the file:

Any additional comments? (attachments welcomed)

Do you have a commercial interest in this material?  Yes;  No

Signature R Thew

Date 8/28/95

**Please address the 7 criteria in the Organic Foods Production Act:**  
(comment in those areas you feel are applicable)

- (1) the potential of such substances for detrimental chemical interactions with other materials used in organic farming systems;

OK { BIO DEGRADABLE  
POTASSIUM IS A CROP NUTRIENT

- (2) the toxicity and mode of action of the substance and of its breakdown products or any contaminants, and their persistence and areas of concentration in the environment;

NONE

- (3) the probability of environmental contamination during manufacture, use, misuse or disposal of such substance;

I BELIEVE THAT CREAM OF TARTRAR IS  
NATURALLY PRECIPITATED DURING WINE MAKING.  
USING IT IS BETTER THAN DUMPING IT.

- (4) the effect of the substance on human health;

POSSIBLY POSITIVE  
TARTRATE CAN BE METABOLIZED

- (5) the effects of the substance on biological and chemical interactions in the agroecosystem, including the physiological effects of the substance on soil organisms (including the salt index and solubility of the soil), crops and livestock;

NO ISSUE

- (6) the alternatives to using the substance in terms of practices or other available materials; and

FOR BAKING NON-YEAST BREADS, ETC. ALUMINUM  
LEAVENING AGENTS CAN BE USED. EACH LEAVENING  
SYSTEM IS SUPERIOR IN CERTAIN USES

- (7) its compatibility with a system of sustainable agriculture.

OK

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Name of Material: Potassium Tartrate

Reviewer Name: DR. JOE MONTECALVO

Is this substance Synthetic or non-synthetic? Explain (if appropriate)

Synthetic

If synthetic, how is the material made? (please answer here if our database form is blank) EXTRACTED FROM TAMARIND PULP - ABOUT 10% YIELD OF TARTARIC ACID. ALSO CAN BE SYNTHESIZED BY THE HYDROXYLATION OF MALIC ACID - CHIEFLY NEAR VALLE A by product of the WINE industry. OBSERVED AS THE SALT DEPOSITED/OBTAINED DURING WINE MAKING. ALL POTASSIUM TARTRATE IS FROM BYPRODUCT OF WINE INDUSTRY.

This material should be added to the National List as:

Synthetic Allowed  Prohibited Natural

or,  Non-synthetic (Allowed as an ingredient in organic food)

Non-synthetic (Allowed as a processing aid for organic food)

or,  this material should not be on the National List

Are there any use restrictions or limitations that should be placed on this material on the National List? NO

Please comment on the accuracy of the information in the file: O.K.

Any additional comments? (attachments welcomed)

OCCURS NATURALLY IN FRUITS, ALSO CA+MG TARTRATE FOUND IN FRUITS AS WELL.

Do you have a commercial interest in this material?  Yes;  No

Signature Dr. Joe Montecalvo Date 8/27/95

**Please address the 7 criteria in the Organic Foods Production Act:**  
(comment in those areas you feel are applicable)

- (1) **the potential of such substances for detrimental chemical interactions with other materials used in organic farming systems;**

*none*

- (2) **the toxicity and mode of action of the substance and of its breakdown products or any contaminants, and their persistence and areas of concentration in the environment;**

*none*

- (3) **the probability of environmental contamination during manufacture, use, misuse or disposal of such substance;**

*none*

- (4) **the effect of the substance on human health;**

*Strong solutions ARE mildly irritating, Astringent*

- (5) **the effects of the substance on biological and chemical interactions in the agroecosystem, including the physiological effects of the substance on soil organisms (including the salt index and solubility of the soil), crops and livestock;**

*none*

- (6) **the alternatives to using the substance in terms of practices or other available materials; and** *none*

- (7) **its compatibility with a system of sustainable agriculture.**

*O.K.*

## Identification

<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Potassium tartrate</b>	<b>Chemical Name</b>	
<b>Other Names</b>	Soluble Tartar		
<b>Code #: CAS</b>		<b>Code #: Other</b>	
<b>N. L. Category</b>	Synthetic Allowed	<b>MSDS</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> yes <input type="radio"/> no

## Chemistry

**Family**

**Composition**  $C_4H_4K_2O_6$ .

**Properties** Hemihydrate, white crystals or granular powder. Soluble in about .5 part water; almost insoluble in alcohol. Aqueous solution is slightly alkaline to litmus.

**How Made**

## Use/Action

**Type of Use** Processing

**Specific Use(s)** Leavening agent, cathartic.

**Action**

**Combinations**

## Status

**OFPA**

**N. L. Restriction**

**EPA, FDA, etc**

**Directions**

**Safety Guidelines**

**State Differences**

**Historical status**

**International status**

## OFPA Criteria

2119(m)1: chemical interactions      Not Applicable

2119(m)2: toxicity & persistence      Not Applicable

2119(m)3: manufacture & disposal consequences

2119(m)4: effect on human health

2119(m)5: agroecosystem biology      Not Applicable

2119(m)6: alternatives to substance

2119(m)7: Is it compatible?

## References

The Merck Index, 10th edition. 1983. Merck and Co., Inc., Rahway, NJ



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**MSDS for POTASSIUM TARTRATE, 1/2-HYDRATE**  
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**1 - PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION**  
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PRODUCT NAME: POTASSIUM TARTRATE, 1/2-HYDRATE  
FORMULA: KOCO(CHOH)2COOK 1/2H2O      FORMULA WT: 235.28  
CAS NO.: 00921-53-9      PRODUCT CODES: 3316  
EFFECTIVE: 05/05/86      REVISION #01

**PRECAUTIONARY LABELLING**

BAKER SAF-T-DATA(TM) SYSTEM  
HEALTH - 1 SLIGHT  
FLAMMABILITY - 0 NONE  
REACTIVITY - 0 NONE  
CONTACT - 0 NONE

HAZARD RATINGS ARE 0 TO 4 (0 = NO HAZARD; 4 = EXTREME HAZARD).

LABORATORY PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT: SAFETY GLASSES; LAB COAT

**PRECAUTIONARY LABEL STATEMENTS**

DURING USE AVOID CONTACT WITH EYES, SKIN, CLOTHING. WASH THOROUGHLY AFTER HANDLING. WHEN NOT IN USE KEEP IN TIGHTLY CLOSED CONTAINER.  
SAF-T-DATA(TM) STORAGE COLOR CODE: ORANGE (GENERAL STORAGE)

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**2 - HAZARDOUS COMPONENTS**  
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COMPONENT	%	CAS NO.
NOT APPLICABLE		

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**3 - PHYSICAL DATA**  
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BOILING POINT: 200 C ( 392 F)      VAPOR PRESSURE(MM HG): N/A  
MELTING POINT: N/A      VAPOR DENSITY(AIR=1): N/A  
SPECIFIC GRAVITY: 1.98      EVAPORATION RATE: N/A  
(H2O=1)      (BUTYL ACETATE=1)  
SOLUBILITY(H2O): APPRECIABLE (MORE THAN 10 %)      % VOLATILES BY VOLUME: 0  
APPEARANCE & ODOR: WHITE CRYSTALS.

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**4 - FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA**  
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FLASH POINT (CLOSED CUP N/A      FLAMMABLE LIMITS: UPPER - N/A %      LOWER - N/A %  
FIRE EXTINGUISHING MEDIA  
USE EXTINGUISHING MEDIA APPROPRIATE FOR SURROUNDING FIRE.  
SPECIAL FIRE-FIGHTING PROCEDURES  
FIREFIGHTERS SHOULD WEAR PROPER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS WITH FULL FACEPIECE OPERATED IN POSITIVE PRESSURE MODE.  
TOXIC GASES PRODUCED: CARBON MONOXIDE, CARBON DIOXIDE

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**5 - HEALTH HAZARD DATA**  
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CARCINOGENICITY: NTP:NO      IARC:NO      Z LIST:NO      OSHA REG:NO

EFFECTS OF OVEREXPOSURE: NO EFFECTS OF OVEREXPOSURE WERE DOCUMENTED.  
TARGET ORGANS: NONE IDENTIFIED  
MEDICAL CONDITIONS GENERALLY AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE: NONE IDENTIFIED  
ROUTES OF ENTRY: NONE INDICATED  
EMERGENCY AND FIRST AID PROCEDURES  
INGESTION: IF SWALLOWED AND THE PERSON IS CONSCIOUS, IMMEDIATELY GIVE  
LARGE AMOUNTS OF WATER. GET MEDICAL ATTENTION.  
INHALATION: IF A PERSON BREATHES IN LARGE AMOUNTS, MOVE THE EXPOSED  
PERSON TO FRESH AIR. GET MEDICAL ATTENTION.  
EYE CONTACT: IMMEDIATELY FLUSH WITH PLENTY OF WATER FOR AT LEAST 15  
MINUTES. GET MEDICAL ATTENTION.  
SKIN CONTACT: IMMEDIATELY WASH WITH PLENTY OF SOAP AND WATER FOR AT LEAST  
15 MINUTES.

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**6 - REACTIVITY DATA**  
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STABILITY: STABLE           HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION: WILL NOT OCCUR  
CONDITIONS TO AVOID: NONE DOCUMENTED  
DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: CARBON MONOXIDE, CARBON DIOXIDE

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**7 - SPILL AND DISPOSAL PROCEDURES**  
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STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN THE EVENT OF A SPILL OR DISCHARGE  
WEAR SUITABLE PROTECTIVE CLOTHING. CAREFULLY SWEEP UP AND REMOVE.  
DISPOSAL PROCEDURE  
DISPOSE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL  
ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS.

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**8 - PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT**  
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VENTILATION: USE ADEQUATE GENERAL OR LOCAL EXHAUST VENTILATION  
TO KEEP FUME OR DUST LEVELS AS LOW AS POSSIBLE.  
RESPIRATORY PROTECTION: NONE REQUIRED WHERE ADEQUATE VENTILATION  
CONDITIONS EXIST. IF AIRBORNE CONCENTRATION IS  
HIGH, USE AN APPROPRIATE RESPIRATOR OR DUST MASK.  
EYE/SKIN PROTECTION: SAFETY GLASSES WITH SIDESHIELDS, PROPER GLOVES ARE  
RECOMMENDED.

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**9 - STORAGE AND HANDLING PRECAUTIONS**  
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SAF-T-DATA(TM) STORAGE COLOR CODE: ORANGE (GENERAL STORAGE)  
SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS  
KEEP CONTAINER TIGHTLY CLOSED. SUITABLE FOR ANY GENERAL CHEMICAL STORAGE  
AREA.

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**10 - TRANSPORTATION DATA AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**  
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DOMESTIC (D.O.T.)  
PROPER SHIPPING NAME   CHEMICALS, N.O.S. (NON-REGULATED)  
  
INTERNATIONAL (I.M.O.)  
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