



## Agreement for use of Synthetic Pesticide in a Facility

The National Organic Standards (7 CFR 205) require that organic facilities use management practices to prevent pests. The standards do allow for other means of pest control under certain circumstances (see rule language on next page).

### **A Facility Pest Management Plan IS required in the following situations:**

- 1) **If you are certified as a processor/handler** and you are using a synthetic substance not on the National List in an organic production area, including but not limited to storage areas, loading docks, warehouses and packing areas.
- 2) **If you are certified as a crops producer** and you are using a synthetic substance not on the National List in a facility where organic product is produced and/or stored, including but not limited to crop and seed storage or in or around a greenhouse.
- 3) **If you are certified as a livestock producer** and you are using a synthetic substance not on the National List in a facility where organic product is produced and/or stored, including but not limited to feed storage areas, inside milk house, inside barn, outside of barn (if animals have potential access), inside poultry house and poultry outdoor access areas.

**Note that you are required to attempt pest control through use of allowed pesticides ANNUALLY before using synthetic pesticides not on the National List.** The Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI) maintains a current listing of allowed pesticides

You are not required to answer on this form—you may provide requested information on a separate sheet.

Company Name:	Today's Date:
Primary contact person:	
Address:	
Direct phone number (including extension): Email address:	

1. Describe pest problem:

2. Describe management practices used to prevent and control pests (see §205.271(a), (b) on next page):

3. List pesticides that are allowed according to the National List that you have tried to control pests. (see §205.271(c) on next page). PCO requires that you rotate an allowed pesticide annually to determine effectiveness.

4. Describe monitoring practices used to determine effectiveness of management practices:

5. Synthetic substance(s) requesting to be used (**attach label** for each product) (see §205.271(d)):

6. Method of application:

7. Describe where the product is used in relation to production or storage of organic products, ingredients, or packaging materials. Describe measures taken to prevent contact of the organically produced products/ ingredients with the pest control substance used:

8. If pest are currently not a problem, please describe what your contingency plan is for managing pest infestation should they occur, including products that would be used (if any).

**7 CFR § 205.271 Facility Pest Management Practice Standard**

*(a) The producer or handler of an organic facility **must** use management practices to prevent pests, including but not limited to:*

- (1) Removal of pest habitat, food sources, and breeding areas;*
- (2) Prevention of access to handling facilities; and*
- (3) Management of environmental factors, such as temperature, light, humidity, atmosphere, and air circulation, to prevent pest reproduction.*

*(b) Pests **may** be controlled through:*

- (1) Mechanical or physical controls including but not limited to traps, light, or sound; or*
- (2) Lures and repellents using non-synthetic or synthetic substances consistent with the National List.*

*(c) If the practices provided for in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section are not effective to prevent or control pests, a non-synthetic or synthetic substance consistent with the National List may be applied.*

*(d) If the practices provided for in paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this section are not effective to prevent or control facility pests, a synthetic substance not on the National List may be applied, Provided, That, the handler and certifying agent agree on the substance, method of application, and measures to be taken to prevent contact of the organically produced products or ingredients with the substance used.*

Signature of Owner/Manager: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approval of Certification Specialist: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Required attachments

- Pest management map of traps and monitors
- Label(s) of synthetic substance(s) requested for use

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