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## **Materials Update: Final Rule and NOSB Meeting Notice**

Dear PCO Certified Operators, Members, and Inspectors:

### **Final Rule**

The USDA National Organic Program (NOP) published a final rule (<https://tinyurl.com/2p893b4n>) to prohibit the following inputs for use on organic operations, effective March 30, 2022:

- Crop materials – *1 year implementation period*:
  - Vitamin B<sub>1</sub>
- Livestock materials – *1 year implementation period*:
  - Procaine
- Handling materials- *2 year implementation period*:
  - Alginic acid
  - Colors (black currant juice color, blueberry juice color, carrot juice color, cherry juice color, grape juice color, paprika color, pumpkin juice color, turmeric extract color);
  - Kelp;
  - Konjac flour;
  - Sweet potato starch;
  - Turkish bay leaves; and
  - Whey protein concentrate

If you are using these materials or products that contain these materials, please contact PCO at 814-422-0251 or by emailing your certification specialist.

### **NOSB Meeting Notice**

In addition, the NOP has announced the next meeting of the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB). The NOSB is a volunteer board that considers and makes recommendations to the National Organic Program on a wide range of issues involving organic certification. The upcoming meeting will be held live online via webinar on Tuesday, April 26, through Thursday, April 28, from 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. EST. Please refer to the NOSB meeting website



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(<https://tinyurl.com/yeynjwwx>) for information on how to watch the webinars, or contact the PCO office.

The agenda for this upcoming meeting is not yet released, but PCO expects it to include the items listed below. Please note that the board will not be voting on Sunset substances and Discussion Documents on, but they will be voting on proposals.

- Crops
  - Proposal: Highly Soluble Nitrogen Fertilizers
  - Proposal: Carbon Dioxide - petitioned
  - 2024 Sunset Substances Review: Herbicides, soap-based, Biodegradable biobased mulch film, Boric acid, Sticky traps/barriers, Elemental sulfur, Coppers, fixed, Copper sulfate, Polyoxin D zinc salt, Humic acids, Micronutrients: Soluble boron products, Micronutrients: Sulfates, carbonates, oxides, or silicates of zinc, copper, iron, manganese, molybdenum, selenium, and cobalt, Vitamins C and E, Squid byproducts, Lead salts, Tobacco dust (nicotine sulfate)
- Livestock:
  - 2024 Sunset substances reviews: Chlorhexidine, Glucose, Tolazoline, Copper sulfate, Elemental sulfur, Lidocaine
- Handling:
  - Proposal: Cetylpyridinium chloride (CPC) - petitioned
  - Proposal: Phosphoric acid - amend annotation - petitioned
  - 2024 Sunset Substances Review: Attapulgit, Bentonite, Diatomaceous earth, Magnesium chloride, Nitrogen, Sodium carbonate, Acidified sodium chlorite, Carbon dioxide, Sodium phosphates, Potassium acid tartrate, Casings, Pectin
- Other:
  - Proposal: PPM Updates - Public comment process
  - Presentations by NIFA and OSA
  - Proposal: NOP Risk Mitigation Table review
  - Discussion Document: Human Capital Management: Supporting the Work of the NOSB
  - Discussion Document: Oversight improvements to deter fraud: Modernization of organic traceability infrastructure
  - Proposal: Excluded Methods Spring 2022
  - Discussion Document: Tall Oil, distilled - petitioned
  - Discussion Document: Research Priorities 2022



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The NOSB wants to hear directly from organic producers and handlers! Submit your written public comments or requests for oral comments by 11:59PM EST April 1, 2022. PCO can submit written comments on your behalf, so please contact the PCO office (814-422-0251, [jen@paorganic.org](mailto:jen@paorganic.org)) for questions or assistance.

- Written Comments – due April 1, 2022
  - Submit online via <https://tinyurl.com/2pp39hjj> or via mail to Michelle Arsenault, Advisory Committee Specialist, National Organic Standards Board, USDA-AMS- NOP, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Room 2642-S, STOP 0268, Washington, DC 20250-0268 [Phone: (202) 997-0115; Email: [michelle.arsenault@usda.gov](mailto:michelle.arsenault@usda.gov)].
  - Written public comments will be accepted on or before 11:59 p.m. ET on April 1, 2022.
  - Comments should reference the document number and the date and page number of this issue of the Federal Register.
  
- Oral Comments (3 minute slots) – register by April 1, 2022
  - Register for oral comments at <https://tinyurl.com/yeynjwwx>.
  - Individuals interested in giving oral comments must register by April 1, 2022
  - Webinars are scheduled in two slots:
    - April 19, 2022, from 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. EST
    - April 21, 2022, from 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. EST

Please contact me if you have any questions or need assistance in signing up or submitting your comments.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kyla Smith', written in a cursive style.

Kyla Smith  
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