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## **Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade**

## **NOTIFICATION**

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

- Notifying Member: <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u>
  If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
- 2. Agency responsible:

Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), Department of Agriculture (USDA) [2166]

Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:

Please submit comments to: USA WTO TBT Enquiry Point, Email: <u>usatbtep@nist.gov</u>

- 3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ ], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], 3.2 [ ], 7.2 [ ], other [X]: Provides a list of specific substance allowances and prohibitions renewed by this notice. Within the USDA organic regulations is the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances (or "National List"). The National List identifies the synthetic substances that may be used and the nonsynthetic (natural) substances that may not be used in organic crop and livestock production. It also identifies the nonorganic substances that may be used in or on processed organic products.
- 4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Substances used in the production of organic crops, livestock, and products; Quality (ICS code(s): 03.120); Plant growing (ICS code(s): 65.020.20); Animal husbandry and breeding (ICS code(s): 65.020.30); Processes in the food industry (ICS code(s): 67.020); Organic chemicals in general (ICS code(s): 71.080.01); Other products of the chemical industry (ICS code(s): 71.100.99)
- **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** National Organic Program: 2025 Sunset Review and Substance Renewals; (3 page(s), in English)
- **Description of content:** 2025 sunset review and substance renewals This document announces the renewal of 47 substances listed on the <u>National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances</u> within the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) <u>organic regulations</u>. This document reflects the outcome of the 2025 sunset review processes and addresses recommendations submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture, through the USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), by the <u>National Organic Standards Board</u> (NOSB).
- **7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Quality requirements
- 8. Relevant documents:

89 Federal Register (FR) 64783, 8 August 2024; <u>Title 7 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)</u> Part 205:

https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-08-08/html/2024-17378.htm

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This 2025 sunset review and substance renewals is identified by Docket Number AMS-NOP-24-0023. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <a href="https://www.regulations.gov/docket/AMS-NOP-24-0023/document">https://www.regulations.gov/docket/AMS-NOP-24-0023/document</a> and provides access to primary and supporting documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from <a href="mailto:Regulations.gov">Regulations.gov</a> by searching the Docket Number.

9. Proposed date of adoption: 8 August 2024

Proposed date of entry into force: 22 June 2025

- 10. Final date for comments: Not Applicable
- 11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:

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