

[USA] Organics processes in the food industry	
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<i>Notified measure</i>	2020 sunset review and substance renewals This document announces the renewal of substances listed on the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances (National List) within the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) organic regulations. This document reflects the outcome of the 2020 sunset review process and addresses recommendations submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary), through the USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), by the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB).
<i>Products Covered</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ ICS 67.020 Processes in the food industry https://www.iso.org/ics/67.020/x/ ■ ICS 67.040 Food products in general https://www.iso.org/ics/67.040/x/

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Table 1 lists the substance exemptions being renewed through this document. These specific substance allowances and prohibitions continue as listed on the National List with a new sunset date of June 22, 2025.

TABLE 1—NATIONAL LIST SUBSTANCES RENEWED IN 2020 SUNSET REVIEW

Substance	Use conditions
§ 205.601 Synthetic substances allowed for use in organic crop production.	
Alcohols: Ethanol, Isopropanol	As described under § 205.601(a)(1)(i) and (ii).
Sodium carbonate peroxyhydrate	As described under § 205.601(a)(8).
Mulches: Newspaper or other recycled paper, Plastic mulch and covers	As described under § 205.601(b)(2)(i) and (ii).
Compost feedstocks: Newspaper or other recycled paper	As described under § 205.601(c).
Insecticides: Aqueous potassium silicate, Elemental sulfur, Lime sulfur	As described under § 205.601(e)(2), (5) and (6).
Plant disease control: Aqueous potassium silicate, Hydrated lime, Lime sulfur, Elemental Sulfur.	As described under § 205.601(i)(1), (4), (6) and (10).
Plant or soil amendments: Elemental sulfur, Liquid fish products, Sulfurous acid.	As described under § 205.601(j)(2), (8) and (11).
Plant growth regulators: Ethylene gas	As described under § 205.601(k).
Production aids: Microcrystalline cheesewax	As described under § 205.601(o).
§ 205.602 Nonsynthetic substances prohibited for use in organic crop production.	
Potassium chloride	As described under § 205.602(e).
§ 205.603 Synthetic substances allowed for use in organic livestock production.	
Alcohols: Ethanol, Isopropanol	As described under § 205.603(a)(1)(i) and (ii).
Aspirin	As described under § 205.603(a)(2).
Biologics	As described under § 205.603(a)(4).
Electrolytes	As described under § 205.603(a)(11).
Glycerin	As described under § 205.603(a)(14).
Phosphoric acid	As described under § 205.603(a)(25).
Hydrated lime	As described under § 205.603(b)(6).
Mineral oil	As described under § 205.603(a)(7).
§ 205.605 Nonagricultural (nonorganic) substances allowed as ingredients in or on processed products labeled as "organic" or "made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s))".	
Calcium carbonate	As described under § 205.605(a).
Flavors	As described under § 205.605(a).
Gellan gum	As described under § 205.605(a).
Oxygen	As described under § 205.605(a).
Potassium chloride	As described under § 205.605(a).
Alginates	As described under § 205.605(b).
Calcium hydroxide	As described under § 205.605(b).
Ethylene	As described under § 205.605(b).
Glycerides	As described under § 205.605(b).
Magnesium stearate	As described under § 205.605(b).
Phosphoric acid	As described under § 205.605(b).
Potassium carbonate	As described under § 205.605(b).
Sulfur dioxide	As described under § 205.605(b).
Xanthan gum	As described under § 205.605(b).
§ 205.606 Nonorganically produced agricultural products allowed as ingredients in or on processed products labeled as "organic."	
Fructooligosaccharides	As described under § 205.606(f).
Gums	As described under § 205.606(i).
Lecithin	As described under § 205.606(m).
Tragacanth gum	As described under § 205.606(t).

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