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National Organic Standards Board
c/o Robert Pooler, Agricultural Marketing Specialist
USDA/AMS/TM/NOP, Room 2510-SO Ag Stop 0268
P.O. Box 96456
Washington, DC 20090-6456

April 23, 2007

Dear Mr. Pooler;


Please find enclosed two copies of our Petitions for Amending the National List of the USDA's National Organic Program (section 205.606) for inclusion of Marsala and Sherry cooking wines as a non-organic agricultural substance allowed in processing due to commercial unavailability of an organic version. Separate documentation is provided for each of the two ingredients.

Please use me as the contact person for this petition. My contact information:

John C. Weaver
Purchasing Manager
Fairfield Farm Kitchens
309 Battles St.
Brockton, MA 02301
508-584-9300 extension 301

Thank you for your consideration and assistance in processing this petition.

Regards,



John C. Weaver
Purchasing Manager

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**Petition of Nonorganic Agricultural Substances
to be Added to Section 205.606 of the National List**

Submitted by: Fairfield Farm Kitchens, 309 Battles St., Brockton, MA 02301

Document prepared by: John Weaver, Purchasing Manager

Item A

Fairfield Farm Kitchens, Brockton, Massachusetts, is the developer and marketer of certified organic entrees, soups, and sauces. We are requesting the following non-organic agricultural substances be added to Section 205.606 of the National List as commercially unavailable.

Item B

1) Substance's chemical or material common name: Fortified Cooking Wines
Cooking Sherry Wine, denatured, no added sulfites

2) Manufacturers of the product supplied to Fairfield Farm Kitchens:

Cruzan International
dba Todhunter International*
PO Box 1447
Lake Alfred, FL 33850
863-956-1116

*Acquired by Imperial Brands 4/5/07

3) The Sherry is an ingredient in organic soups and entrees. The Sherry is a key flavor ingredient. These products were developed with the unique flavor characteristics provided by the Sherry.

Organic Classics Cajun Style Chicken Tetrazzini
Moosewood Farfalle & Spinach Pesto Sauce
Moosewood Hearty Mushroom Barley Soup

4) Mode of Action:

Fortified cooking wines are used as a flavor ingredient.

5) Source of the ingredient and processing procedures

The sherry wine is made from grape concentrate. Manufacturing procedure is to dilute the concentrate, add yeast, ferment, and filter. Salt is added as a denaturant. Bentonite is used as a fining and settling agent in the fermentation process. Diatomaceous earth is used as a filter aid in the filtration process. To the best of our knowledge none of the agricultural ingredients are grown using sewage sludge as fertilizer and none of the agricultural products are produced with genetically engineered crops product. Neither the product nor any

ingredient is subjected to irradiation. No sulfites are added during the process. No solvents are used in the process. All ingredients are sourced through our in house purchasing department in accordance with specifications provided by customer input and quality assurance requirements

- 6) EPA, FDA, or State regulatory authority registration—n/a
- 7) Chemical Abstract Service number—n/a
- 8) Physical properties and chemical mode of action
 - a. Chemical interactions
 - b. Toxicity and environmental persistence
 - c. Environmental impacts
 - d. Effects on human health
 - e. Effects on soil organisms, crops, or livestock

Not applicable in this application for use as a food ingredient

- 9) Safety information
MSDS attached

- 10) Commercial availability
See attachments showing sourcing efforts

- 11) Petition Justification Statement

At this time there are no sources of organic fortified cooking wines available in the quantity and form necessary for the production of our products. The products that contain the fortified wines were developed under the previous guidelines for the use of non-organic ingredients and were allowed under a waiver for commercial unavailability granted by our certifying agent. Once a reliable source of organic fortified cooking wines that meet or approximate the flavor characteristics of the non-organic products, we will switch to the organic version.

- 12) Confidential Business Information statement

There is no proprietary information contained in these documents.



Imperial Brands Wine & Spirits Division
Gourmet & Specialty Division
Florida Distillers Company

VERIFICATION OF INGREDIENT STATUS

CERTIFIED OPERATION: Fairfield Farm Kitchens

SUPPLIER OF INGREDIENT: Imperial Brands, Gourmet and Specialty Division

INGREDIENT: Cooking Sherry—No Sulfites added

Dear Supplier,

In order to maintain our organic certification, we are required to obtain information about the composition, production, and handling of all of our ingredients. The National Organic Standards state:

To be sold or labeled as "100 percent organic," "organic," or "made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s))," the product must be produced and handled without the use of... excluded methods (defined as genetic modification), ionizing radiation, and sewage sludge. 7 CFR §205.105(e), (f) and (g). Allowed and prohibited substances, methods, and ingredients in organic production and handling AND §205.301(f)(1), (2) and (3), Product composition.

Please sign below (and return to us) to verify that the above referenced ingredient is produced and handled without the use of:

- genetic modification,
- ionizing radiation, and
- sewage sludge

Signed: K. Best

Name: Kathy Best

Company: Imperial Brands Gourmet and Specialty Div.

Date: 04/30/07

Material Safety Data Sheet

NAME OF PRODUCT: **Cooking Sherry Wine**

PHYSICAL CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS

COLOR: Amber
FLAVOR AND ODOR: Typical of Cooking Sherry
WEIGHT PER GALLON: Approximately 8.5 lbs.
ALCOHOL BY VOLUME: 17.0 Percent to 18.0 Percent
SALT CONTENT: 1.5% to 1.7%

FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA

ITEM A: Flash Point: Greater than 110 degrees F
ITEM B: Extinguishing Media: Carbon Dioxide Dry Chemical or Foam
ITEM C: Fire and Explosion Hazards: Produces flammable vapors when boiling point is reached.

HEALTH HAZARD DATA

ITEM A: Route of Entry: Oral ingestion
ITEM B: Symptoms: Slurred speech, impaired motor skills, blurred vision, respiratory and/or cardiac arrest.

HEALTH HAZARD: Intoxication, possible anaphylactic shock reaction for those with an acute sensitivity to sulfites. Vapors may be irritating to eyes, nasal passages and throat.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS GENERALLY AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE:
High blood pressure

EMERGENCY AND FIRST AID PROCEDURES: Seek medical attention immediately.

STORAGE PRECAUTIONS: Stores well in wood, plastic, stainless steel or glass. Storage area should be free of heat sources.

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SPEC SHEET

PRODUCT:	Cooking Sherry Wine
DESCRIPTION:	A clear, medium amber Sherry Wine to which salt has been added to denature the product. The product shall be free from off-taste, off- aroma and sediment. The product shall conform in every respect to the provisions of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and any regulations promulgated thereunder. The product shall conform to the standards listed below.
COLOR:	The color of this product shall be a color characteristic of Sherry Wine.
FLAVOR AND AROMA:	The flavor and aroma of this product shall match as closely as possible the accepted standard of Cooking Sherry Wine.
ALCOHOL BY VOLUME:	17.0 Percent - 18.0 Percent
SODIUM CHLORIDE:	1.5 Percent - 1.7 Percent
TOTAL ACIDITY (as tartaric):	0.51 gr/100 ml - 0.61 gr/100 ml
EXTRANEIOUS MATTER:	None
BRIX (20° C):	5.7 - +6.3°
TOTAL SULFUR DIOXIDE CONTENT:	80-100 ppm

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**FAIRFIELD FARM KITCHENS
ORGANIC FORTIFIED COOKING WINE SOURCE LIST**

INDUSTRIAL COOKING WINE PRODUCERS

- Cruzan International—Todhunter—none available
- Gibson Wine Company—none available
- Mizkan—none available

UNITED STATES ORGANIC WINES (wineries/dealers):

- The Organic Wine Company—none available
- Frey Organic Wines —none available
- Lolonis —none available
- Bonterra Vineyards —none available
- Frey Vineyards —none available
- Staglin Family Vineyards—none available
- Amity Vineyards —none available
- La Rocca Vineyards —none available
- Badger Mountain Vineyard —none available
- China Bends Vineyards —none available
- Fetzer Vineyards —none available
- Frog's Leap —none available
- Reserve Wine Cellars —online retail—none available
- Cooper Mountain Wine —none available
- Yorkville Cellars —none available
- Topolos na
- Durney Vineyards —none available
- Coturri Winery —none available
- Everett Ridge Vineyards —none available
- Ashland Vineyards na
- Handley Cellars Vineyards —none available
- Barnwood Vineyards —none available
- Four Chimneys—none available
- Organic Vintners—none available

ITALIAN ORGANIC WINES:

- Tenuta San Vito —none available

CANADIAN ORGANIC WINES

- Hainle Vineyards —online dealer—none available
- Summerhill Estate Winery —none available