

Bismuth subsalicylate (Pepto Bismol), an Adsorbant

ITEM A

Synthetic substances allowed for use in organic livestock production

ITEM B

1. The substance's common name.

Bismuth subsalicylate (Pepto Bismol). Common trade names include Bismusal and Bismu-kote

3. The intended or current use of the substance such as use as a pesticide, animal feed additive, processing aid, nonagricultural ingredient, sanitizer or disinfectant.

Livestock medical treatment

4. A list of the crop, livestock or handling activities for which the substance will be used. If used for crops or livestock, the substance's rate and method of application must be described. If used for handling (including processing), the substance's mode of action must be described.

An adsorbent, anti-diarrheal and gut protectant that also helps to heal stomach ulcers (it is the bismuth in the peptobismol that coats the erosions of the abomasal and duodenal mucosa). May be combined with Vitamin A to treat bacterial diarrhea in calves.

12. A "Petition Justification Statement" which provides justification for one of the following actions requested in the petition:

Available over the counter and commonly used in organic practices in the past Bismuth subsalicylate is a relatively innocuous material that is a helpful tool for organic livestock management.

Another reasonable alternative, Kaolin Pectin is also being considered for addition to the list, however each material should be considered and if found to be acceptable both should be added to the list.