

# NOSB COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Form NOPLIST1. Committee Transmittal to NOSB

For NOSB Meeting: <u>May 2008</u>	Substance: <u>Ginger Root Powdered Extract</u>																								
Committee: Crops <input type="checkbox"/> Livestock <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Handling <input type="checkbox"/> Petition is for: <u>Inclusion of Ginger Root Powdered Extract on the National List § 205.606</u>																									
<b>A. Evaluation Criteria</b> (Applicability noted for each category; Documentation attached) <span style="float: right;"><b>Criteria Satisfied? (see B below)</b></span>																									
1. Impact on Humans and Environment	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>																								
2. Essential & Availability Criteria	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>																								
3. Compatibility & Consistency	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>																								
4. Commercial Supply is Fragile or Potentially Unavailable as Organic (only for 606)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>																								
<b>B. Substance Fails Criteria Category:</b> 4 Comments: <u>The petition does not provide sufficient information to demonstrate that this material cannot be obtained organically in the appropriate form, quantity or quality.</u>																									
<b>C. Proposed Annotation (if any):</b> _____ _____ Basis for annotation: To meet criteria above: _____ Other regulatory criteria: _____ Citation: _____																									
<b>D. Recommended Committee Action &amp; Vote (State Actual Motion):</b> <u>For Inclusion of Ginger Root Powdered Extract on § 205.606 of the National List</u>																									
Motion by: <u>Julie Weisman</u> Seconded: <u>Katrina Heinze</u> Yes: <u>0</u> No: <u>6</u> Absent: <u>0</u> Abstain: <u>0</u>																									
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voted to be added National List to § Annotation (if any)																									
2) Substance to be added as "prohibited" on National List to § 205._____with Annotation (if any) _____ Describe why a prohibited substance: _____																									
3) Substance was rejected by vote for amending National List to § 205.606 Describe why material was rejected: <u>Substance was rejected because petition did not address why organic forms of this material which are currently available cannot be used. (See Comment for Cat. 4, question # 2).</u>																									
4) Substance was recommended to be deferred because _____ _____ If follow-up needed, who will follow up _____																									
<b>E. Approved by Committee Chair to transmit to NOSB:</b> <u>Julie Weisman</u> <span style="float: right;"><u>March 27, 2008</u></span> Committee Chair <span style="float: right;">Date</span>																									

**NOSB EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR SUBSTANCES ADDED TO THE NATIONAL LIST**

**Category 1. Adverse impacts on humans or the environment?**

**Ginger Root Powdered Extract**

Question	Yes	No	N/A <sup>1</sup>	Documentation (TAP; petition; regulatory agency; other)
1. Are there adverse effects on environment from manufacture, use, or disposal? [§205.600 b.2]				Page 2 of petition – States that the mature ginger rhizomes are harvested, dried, milled and placed into an extraction kettle. “Water and ethanol are added and heat applied. The extracted liquid is concentrated into essential oils and standardized to the desired concentration. The essential oils are mixed with organic astragalus root carrier then spray dried and ground into a powder.”
2. Is there environmental contamination during manufacture, use, misuse, or disposal? [§6518 m.3]				See above
3. Is the substance harmful to the environment? [§6517c(1)(A)(i);6517(c)(2)(A)i]		X		This is an agricultural product
4. Does the substance contain List 1, 2, or 3 inerts? [§6517 c (1)(B)(ii); 205.601(m)2]		X		This is an agricultural product
5. Is there potential for detrimental chemical interaction with other materials used? [§6518 m.1]		X		This is an agricultural product
6. Are there adverse biological and chemical interactions in agro-ecosystem? [§6518 m.5]			X	This is an agricultural product used as an ingredient in an organic processed food. It is no longer in the agro-ecosystem.
7. Are there detrimental physiological effects on soil organisms, crops, or livestock? [§6518 m.5]			X	This is an agricultural product used as an ingredient in an organic processed food. It is no longer in the agro-ecosystem.
8. Is there a toxic or other adverse action of the material or its breakdown products? [§6518 m.2]			X	This is an agricultural product used as an ingredient in an organic processed food. It is no longer in the agro-ecosystem.
9. Is there undesirable persistence or concentration of the material or breakdown products in environment?[§6518 m.2]			X	This is an agricultural product used as an ingredient in an organic processed food. It is no longer in the agro-ecosystem.
10. Is there any harmful effect on human health? [§6517 c (1)(A)(i) ; 6517 c(2)(A)i; §6518 m.4]		X		See comments for question 12
11. Is there an adverse effect on human health as defined by applicable Federal regulations? [205.600 b.3]		X		See comments for question 12
12. Is the substance GRAS when used according to FDA’s good manufacturing practices? [§205.600 b.5]		X		Page 3 of petition States that powdered ginger root extract was marketed in the U.S. prior to October 15, 1994. The Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act (DSHEA) provides that supplement ingredients that were marketed in the U.S. prior to the enactment of DSHEA on October 15, 1994 are considered safe and are “grandfathered in” as safe for use. Tangerine peel is also listed in The American Herbal Products Association’s Herbs of Commerce, 2nd Edition.
13. Does the substance contain residues of heavy metals or other contaminants in excess of FDA tolerances? [§205.600 b.5]		X		Per MSDS sheet from petition

<sup>1</sup>If the substance under review is for crops or livestock production, all of the questions from 205.600 (b) are N/A—not applicable.

**Category 2. Is the Substance Essential for Organic Production? Ginger Root Powdered Extract**

Question	Yes	No	N/A <sup>1</sup>	Documentation (TAP; petition; regulatory agency; other)
1. Is the substance formulated or manufactured by a chemical process? [6502 (21)]		x		Page 2 of petition – The mature peels are harvested, dried, milled and placed into an extraction kettle. Water and ethanol are added and heat applied. The extracted liquid is concentrated into essential oils and standardized to the desired concentration. The essential oils are mixed with organic astragalus root carrier then spray dried and ground into a powder.”
2. Is the substance formulated or manufactured by a process that chemically changes a substance extracted from naturally occurring plant, animal, or mineral, sources? [6502 (21)]		x		See above
3. Is the substance created by naturally occurring biological processes? [6502 (21)]			x	This is an agricultural product
4. Is there a natural source of the substance? [§205.600 b.1]			x	This is an agricultural product
5. Is there an organic substitute? [§205.600 b.1]			x	Material is being petitioned for inclusion on §205.606; see category 4 below.
6. Is the substance essential for handling of organically produced agricultural products? [§205.600 b.6]			x	
7. Is there a wholly natural substitute product? [§6517 c (1)(A)(ii)]			x	This is an agricultural product
8. Is the substance used in handling, not synthetic, but not organically produced? [§6517 c (1)(B)(iii)]	x			Material is being petitioned for inclusion on §205.606; see category 4 below.
9. Is there any alternative substances? [§6518 m.6]			x	
10. Is there another practice that would make the substance unnecessary? [§6518 m.6]			x	

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**Category 3. Is the substance compatible with organic production practices? Ginger Root Powdered Extract**

Question	Yes	No	N/A <sup>1</sup>	Documentation (TAP; petition; regulatory agency; other)
1. Is the substance compatible with organic handling? [§205.600 b.2]			x	
2. Is the substance consistent with organic farming and handling? [§6517 c (1)(A)(iii); 6517 c (2)(A)(ii)]			x	
3. Is the substance compatible with a system of sustainable agriculture? [§6518 m.7]			x	
4. Is the nutritional quality of the food maintained with the substance? [§205.600 b.3]			x	
5. Is the primary use as a preservative? [§205.600 b.4]		x		
6. Is the primary use to recreate or improve flavors, colors, textures, or nutritive values lost in processing (except when required by law, e.g., vitamin D in milk)? [205.600 b.4]		x		
7. Is the substance used in production, and does it contain an active synthetic ingredient in the following categories:		x		
a. copper and sulfur compounds;		x		
b. toxins derived from bacteria;		x		
c. pheromones, soaps, horticultural oils, fish emulsions, treated seed, vitamins and minerals?		x		
d. livestock parasiticides and medicines?		x		
e. production aids including netting, tree wraps and seals, insect traps, sticky barriers, row covers, and equipment cleaners?		x		

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**Category 4. Is the commercial supply of an agricultural substance as organic, fragile or potentially unavailable?** [§6610, 6518, 6519, 205.2, 205.105 (d), 205.600 (c) 205.2, 205.105 (d), 205.600 (c)]

**Ginger Root Powdered Extract**

Question	Yes	No	N/A	Comments on Information Provided (sufficient, plausible, reasonable, thorough, complete, unknown)
1. Is the comparative description provided as to why the non-organic form of the material /substance is necessary for use in organic handling?		x		Petition did not provide information demonstrating why the non-organic form of the material is necessary for use in organic handling
2. Does the current and historical industry information, research, or evidence provided explain how or why the material /substance cannot be obtained organically in the appropriate <b>form</b> to fulfill an essential function in a system of organic handling?		X		<p>Petition page 3 – Petitioner’s “procurement department is continuously searching for organic forms of the non-organic ingredients used in the company’s formulations. Regular searches include monthly review of trade journals, ingredient source contacts, internet searches and websites of both the Organic Trade Association and the Quality Assurance International organic ingredients. We continue with R&amp;D efforts to find substitute organic ingredients to replace non-organic ingredients in our formulations where possible. None of these recurring efforts has yielded a positive result for a functionally equivalent organic ingredient that is commercially available for tangerine peel powdered extract.”</p> <p>An internet search by the evaluator revealed numerous offerings of organic ginger root, powder and liquid extract Petition does not acknowledge the existence of these organic forms of ginger root, nor address why they cannot be used to produce the petitioned material in an organic form.</p> <p>The petition does not provide sufficient information to demonstrate that this material cannot be obtained organically in the appropriate form, quantity or quality.</p>
3. Does the current and historical industry information, research, or evidence provided explain how or why the material /substance cannot be obtained organically in the appropriate <b>quality</b> to fulfill an essential function in a system of organic handling?		X		See above
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5. Does the industry information provided on material / substance non-availability as organic, include ( but not limited to) the following:		X		See above
a. Regions of production (including factors such as climate and number of regions);		X		See above
b. Number of suppliers and amount produced;		X		See above
c. Current and historical supplies related to weather events such as hurricanes, floods, and droughts that may temporarily halt production or destroy crops or supplies;		X		See above
d. Trade-related issues such as evidence of hoarding, war, trade barriers, or civil unrest that may temporarily restrict supplies; or		X		See above
e. Are there other issues which may present a challenge to a consistent supply?		X		See above