

**FORMAL RECOMMENDATION BY THE
NATIONAL ORGANIC STANDARDS BOARD (NOSB)
TO THE NATIONAL ORGANIC PROGRAM (NOP)**

Date: May 31, 2006

Subject: **Sunset Review - 205.603; Synthetic substances allowed for use in organic livestock production**

Chair: Kevin R. O'Rell

Recommendation

The NOSB hereby recommends to the NOP the following:

Rulemaking Action: XXXX

Guidance Statement: -

Other: _____

Statement of the Recommendation:

See attached Recommendation for Renewal of Chlorine Materials as Synthetic substances allowed for use in organic livestock production on 205.603, category use (a) as disinfectants, sanitizer, and medical treatments as applicable.

NOSB Vote:

Moved: Hue Karreman **Second:** Kevin Engelbert

Yes – 11

No – 1

Abstain – 0

Absent- 2

Rationale Supporting Recommendation:

NOSB Sunset Material Vote

Response by the NOP:

**National Organic Standards Board
Livestock Committee
Final Recommendation for the Synthetic substances allowed for use in
organic livestock production**

April 20, 2006

Category Use:

(a) As disinfectants, sanitizer, and medical treatments as applicable

Committee Summary:

A number of specific comments were received on chlorine. Several commentors stated that chlorine materials (calcium hypochlorite, chlorine dioxide and sodium hypochlorite) should remain on the National List. Some commentors stated that chlorine materials (calcium hypochlorite, chlorine dioxide, sodium hypochlorite) should be removed from the list. The Livestock Committee agrees with the commentors who supported the renewal of chlorine materials (calcium hypochlorite, chlorine dioxide and sodium hypochlorite) because their use is considered essential for organic livestock production and they can be used in a way compatible with organic production practices.

NOSB Recommendation(s):

Recommendation Based upon Comments Received – 205.603(a)

The NOSB recommends the renewal of the following substance(s) in this use category:

- (5) Chlorine materials—disinfecting and sanitizing facilities and equipment. Residual chlorine levels in the water shall not exceed the maximum residual disinfectant limit under the Safe Drinking Water Act.
- (i) Calcium hypochlorite.
 - (ii) Calcium dioxide.
 - (iii) Sodium hypochlorite.

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Board vote: Yes – 11 No – 1 Abstain – 0 Absent - 2