



Prohibited Practices Statement

The National Organic Program establishes specific requirements concerning the materials and methods used for organic production and handling. The Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) Organic Food Program must obtain verification that ingredients used in registered materials have been produced without the use of excluded methods (genetically modified organisms), ionizing radiation, and sewage sludge.

§ 205.105 Allowed and prohibited substances, methods, and ingredients in organic production and handling.

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:

- (a) Synthetic substances and ingredients, except as provided in § 205.601 or § 205.603;
- (b) Nonsynthetic substances prohibited in § 205.602 or § 205.604;
- (c) Nonagricultural substances used in or on processed products, except as otherwise provided in § 205.605;
- (d) Nonorganic agricultural substances used in or on processed products, except as otherwise provided in § 205.606;
- (e) Excluded methods, except for vaccines, Provided, That, the vaccines are approved in accordance with § 205.600(a);
- (f) Ionizing radiation, as described in Food and Drug Administration regulation, 21 CFR 179.26; and
- (g) Sewage sludge.

Excluded methods (GMOs) are "a variety of methods used to genetically modify organisms or influence their growth and development by means that are not possible under natural conditions of processes and are not considered compatible with organic production. Such methods include cell fusion, microencapsulation and macroencapsulation, and recombinant DNA technology (including gene deletion, gene doubling, introducing a foreign gene, and changing the positions of genes when achieved by recombinant DNA technology). Such methods do not include the use of traditional breeding, conjugation, fermentation, hybridization, in vitro fertilization, or tissue culture."

Ionizing radiation is described in Food and Drug Administration regulation 21 CFR 179.26. Please visit http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_03/21cfr179_03.html for a complete description of ionizing radiation. Please note that the uses of ionizing radiation noted in 21 CFR 179.26 are prohibited for all uses involving organic food production.

Sewage Sludge is a solid, semisolid, or liquid residue generated during the treatment of domestic sewage in a treatment works. Sewage sludge includes but is not limited to: domestic septage; scum or solids removed in primary, secondary, or advanced wastewater treatment processes; and a material derived from sewage sludge. Sewage sludge does not include ash generated during the firing of sewage sludge in a sewage sludge incinerator or grit and screenings generated during preliminary treatment of domestic sewage in a treatment works."

Name of Product or Ingredient _____

Applicant Name _____

Applicant Address _____

Applicant Phone Number _____

To be signed by an authorized representative of the above manufacturer of the ingredient:

I, on behalf of the applicant named above, hereby attest that the product or ingredient named above meets the requirements set forth in the National Organic Program [7 CFR 205.105(e)(f)(g)].

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____ Title _____