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How to Find Out if a Farm or Livestock Input is Allowed

(For ALL Fertilizers, Pest Control Products, Soil Amendments, Adjuvants, etc.)

To find out if a product is allowed for use on your organic land, please complete the following steps:

Check the current OMRI Materials List (www.omri.org) and WSDA Brand Names List (agr.wa.gov/foodanimal/organic/MaterialsLists.htm) for the product(s) you wish to use. Pay close attention to formulations, as some products exist in multiple formulations – some allowed for organic production, and some prohibited. For printed copies of these lists, contact CCOF.

A. If the product you wish to use is on the *current* OMRI list or the *current* WSDA list:

1. Add the product to your Organic System Plan section G5.1. ***Be sure to write the full name of the material on your OSP, just as it is shown on the label or the OMRI/WSDA listing, and be sure to use complete, specific brand names and formulations.***
2. Send a copy of your updated OSP to CCOF by email, fax or mail.
3. CCOF will review your updated materials list and inform you if the addition has been approved.
4. If the product is approved by CCOF, you may then use it provided that you follow any restrictions.

B. If the product you wish to use is not on the current OMRI list or the current WSDA list, you must request that CCOF review it for you at no cost:

1. Complete a Material Review Request form (MRRF), available at www.ccof.org/forms.php, for each product.
2. Include the requested attachments (a copy of the label, or page 1 of the MSDS, or a manufacturer statement listing ingredients). ***Please note that the attachment you include must show 100% of the ingredients. CCOF cannot review a product without this information.***
3. Send MRRF and attachment(s) to CCOF by fax, email or mail.
4. CCOF will review the product for you, notify you of the outcome and send you a copy of the MRRF to keep for your records.
5. If the material is allowed or allowed with restrictions, add it to your OSP section G5.1. ***Be sure to write the full name of the material on your OSP, just as it is shown on the label or the OMRI/WSDA listing, and be sure to use complete, specific brand names and formulations.*** Send a copy of your updated OSP to CCOF by email, fax or mail.
6. If the product is prohibited or we are unable to determine that it is allowed, you may not use it and it must not be listed in your OSP. If you are able to get the missing information from the product manufacturer, you may resubmit it with the MRRF at any time for re-review.

PLEASE NOTE:

- The NOP standards require that all farm inputs be **listed in your Organic System Plan (OSP) and approved by CCOF before you use them.**
- Use of a prohibited material can result in your land being **ineligible from certification for 3 years**, even if you applied it unintentionally.
- Use of any product not listed in your OSP and approved by CCOF can result in a **non-compliance.**
- **If you wish to receive an answer to your review within 2 or 5 business days** you may fill out a **Rush Review Request** form, located here: www.ccof.org/forms.php

We know that this aspect of organic certification can be confusing and want to help. If you have any questions or need a Material Review Request form, please contact your Regional Service Representative or the CCOF home office.