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Organic Certification Trade Association Education & Outreach Political Advocacy

IMPORTANT MATERIALS NOTICE

Fertilizers, Pest Control, Soil Amendments, Adjuvants, etc.

- Use of a **PROHIBITED MATERIAL** (fertilizer, pest control, soil amendment, etc.) can result in your land being **SUSPENDED FROM CERTIFICATION FOR 3 YEARS**, even if you applied it unintentionally. It's the law.
- All materials on current **OMRI** or **Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) Brand Names List** may be used as long as you follow any restrictions. Contact the CCOF office for a copy of OMRI Products List. Lists are online at:
 - www.omri.org
 - <http://agr.wa.gov/FoodAnimal/Organic/MaterialsLists.htm>
- **CCOF will review an unknown material for you at no cost.** But, you must provide the necessary information. Complete & return a **Material Review Request** form, available on the back of this announcement and at www.ccof.org/forms.php
- **You must update your Organic System Plan (OSP)** if you use any material that you have not already listed.
 - Name the materials on the OSP **the way they are shown on the label.** Use complete, **specific brand names and formulations.**
 - If material is on OMRI or WSDA Brand Names Lists, you do not need to request that CCOF review it.
 - If the material is **NOT** on one of Brand Names Lists, **please ask CCOF to review it prior to use¹.** Then update your OSP.
- **Spreaders, stickers? Many are prohibited. When in doubt, leave it out!**
- We care about you and your business and want to help. If you have questions or need a **Material Review Request** form, contact your **Regional Service Representative** (find your RSR at www.ccof.org/rsr.php) or the CCOF office (below).

Look for the OMRI and WSDA seals on allowed materials:



¹ The small print: **All requests for materials review must be submitted by CCOF clients.** The results of CCOF's review are for the client making the request only. CCOF does not allow the commercial use of its name or seal in association with any material. CCOF's approval for use by a CCOF client does **not** imply endorsement of the material or manufacturer.



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Materials Review Request Form

It is your responsibility to verify all input materials are allowed before you use them. Only materials included on your Organic System Plan and approved by CCOF may be used.

Materials that have been identified as compatible with organic production can be found on the Products List published by the Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI), www.omri.org, or Washington State Dept. of Ag. (WSDA), www.agr.wa.gov/FoodAnimal/Organic/MaterialsLists.htm. For materials not on either of these lists, CCOF will review the material for CCOF clients on a case by case basis to determine compliance with National Organic Program and international standards.

A. INSTRUCTIONS

If you wish to use a material NOT on either the OMRI or WSDA brand name products lists:

1. Complete a separate form for each product.
2. Complete the product and use information (Section B) below.
3. Attach at least one of the following:
 - A copy of the label showing 100% of all ingredients;
 - Or, a copy of the MSDS. Only adequate if 100% of ingredients are disclosed;
 - Or, a current statement from the manufacturer which lists 100% of ingredients;
4. For all "inert" or "other" ingredients shown on product label or MSDS provide:
 - A statement from the manufacturer that discloses all inert ingredients.
5. Fax or mail this form with all attachments to CCOF. CCOF will notify you of the results.
6. If this product is approved for your use, update your Organic System Plan to list with full brand name.

B. TIMELINE. I need this material reviewed (Review does not guarantee approval):

- In 2 business days RUSH service – Bill me a rush review fee of \$100
- In 5 business days RUSH service – Bill me a rush review fee of \$50
- Normal, no rush service. Will be reviewed by CCOF as quickly as possible, in the order received.

C. PRODUCT INFORMATION

Reason for use: _____

Date: _____

CCOF operation requesting review: _____

Material manufacturer: _____

Name and formulation of product: _____

Have you applied/used this material? Yes No. Comments: _____

D. CCOF USE ONLY: Reviewer: _____

Date: _____

- Client named above may use this product with no restrictions.
- Client named above may use this product with the restrictions listed below.
- Insufficient information to determine compliance. Client named above must cease and desist use.
- Above material is **prohibited**, use of this product will constitute a non-compliance.

Restrictions: NOP EEC 834/2007(EU) COR (Canada) USDA/MAFF (Japan) Other

CCOF has reviewed this material for use by the client named above based on the information provided. This document does not allow nor encourage the commercial use of CCOF's name or seal in association with this material, nor does it imply endorsement of the material or manufacturer.