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## Nonorganic Agricultural Affidavit

- ▶ **CCOF Client:** Upon request by CCOF, submit one affidavit for each nonorganic agricultural material used in your 70-95% "Made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s))" product. Forward this affidavit to the material manufacturer. They must complete and sign this form.
- ▶ **Material Manufacturer:** Fill out this form so CCOF can review this material for the CCOF certified client's use.

### A. Material Details

- 1) Manufacturer business name and contact info (phone/email): \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Nonorganic ingredient ("material") name: \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) Attach a complete ingredient statement.  Attached
  - b) Attach a complete production process flow diagram or written description of how the material is made. Include all steps in the production of this material and include any solvents, adjuvants, carriers, preservatives, incidentals, ancillaries, processing aids or other materials used in its production.  Attached
- 3) The material listed above conforms to the following criteria:
 

	<b>True</b>	<b>False</b>
a) Genetic engineering, genetically modified organisms, and excluded methods <sup>1</sup> as defined in NOP 205.2 were <b>not</b> used in the production of this material.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Ionizing radiation as described in 21 CFR 179.26 was <b>not</b> used in the processing of this material.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Sewage sludge was <b>not</b> used in the production of this material.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### B. Agricultural Classification Criteria

A material may be considered "agricultural" if the material is a crop or livestock product or has been derived from crops or livestock. If it is a processed material, it must be derived from an agricultural product that does not undergo a chemical change, unless that chemical change was created by a naturally occurring biological process or by a mechanical/physical/biological process described under section NOP 205.270(a)<sup>2</sup>.

- 1) Is this material a crop or livestock product, or derived from a crop or livestock product?  
 Yes  No, prohibited
- 2) Describe the raw agricultural ingredient(s) used to produce your final product:  
  
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- 3) Has the raw ingredient been processed to the extent that its chemical structure has been changed from its naturally occurring state?  
 Yes  No. Skip to section C
- 4) If there is a change to the naturally occurring chemical structure, is the change a result of a naturally occurring biological process such as fermentation or the use of enzymes; or a result of mechanical/physical/biological processes described in 205.270(a)<sup>2</sup>?  
 Yes  No, prohibited
- 5) Describe the biological and/or physical/mechanical processes used (if any):  
  
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<sup>1</sup>**Excluded Methods (NOP 205.2).** A variety of methods used to genetically modify organisms or influence their growth and development by means that are not possible under natural conditions or 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.

<sup>2</sup>**NOP 205.270(a):** Mechanical or biological methods, including but not limited to cooking, baking, curing, heating, drying, mixing, grinding, churning, separating, distilling, extracting, slaughtering, cutting, fermenting, eviscerating, preserving, dehydrating, freezing, chilling, or otherwise manufacturing, and the packaging, canning, jarring, or otherwise enclosing food in a container.



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## C. Manufacturer Statement

Pursuant to NOP 205.2, 205.105, and 205.605-606, I, on behalf of the named manufacturer, hereby attest that the information provided in this form is accurate and truthful to the best of my knowledge. Note that per NOP 205.100(c)(2), any person falsifying statements to an accredited certifying agent shall be subject to the provisions of section 1001 of title 18, United States Code.

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**Manufacturer Representative Name**  
*(please print clearly)*

**Title**

**Email Address**

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**Manufacturer Representative's Authorized Signature (Digital, Ink, or E-Verified)**

**Date**

## D. NOP Definitions:

Refer to [NOP Program Handbook](#) 5033 and 5033-2 and NOP 205.2 for further information.

- Agricultural product – Any agricultural commodity or product, whether raw or processed, including any commodity or product derived from livestock, that is marketed in the United States for human or livestock consumption.
- Chemical change – A process (i.e. chemical reaction) whereby a substance is transformed into one or more other distinct substances.
- Enzyme – A protein that catalyzes a chemical reaction.
- Extract – To separate, withdraw, or obtain one or more constituents of an organism, substance, or mixture by use of solvents (dissolution), acid-base extraction, or mechanical or physical methods.
- Naturally occurring biological process – A process that occurs due to the action of biological organisms or subcomponents of biological organisms, such as enzymes. Examples of naturally occurring biological processes include, but are not limited to, fermentation, composting, manure production, anaerobic digestion, and enzymatic hydrolysis.