



Non-Organic Ingredient Declaration

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This form must be signed by a representative of the manufacturer or supplier of the non-organic ingredient.

The USDA National Organic Program (7 CFR Part 205) establishes specific provisions for the use of non-organic agricultural ingredients in processed products labeled "organic" or "made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s))." Sections 205.105(e)(f)(g) prohibit excluded methods, ionizing radiation and sewage sludge, as defined in 205.2.

Further clarification:

- Excluded methods** (GMO's) are defined as "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 prohibited for all uses involving food preservation, pest control and pathogen control. Other radiation uses, including food inspection, are permitted, provided such use meets applicable FDA regulations, which establish limitations applicable to all (organic and non-organic) food products.
- Sewage Sludge** (as a crop fertilizer) is as "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."

Specific Identification of Product(s): _____

Supplier Name and Address: _____

Pursuant to 7CFR 205.105(e)(f)(g), I, on behalf of the supplier, hereby attest that the product(s) identified on this form comply with the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 and its implementing regulations.

Signature _____

Date _____

Printed Name _____

Title _____