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Client Broadcast Fax Attention Valued Clients:

URGENT!! TIME IS RUNNING OUT!!

**PRODUCERS AND HANDLERS ONLY HAVE UNTIL AUGUST 16TH
TO COMMENT**

There is a very real risk that materials like citric acid, flavors, carageenan, enzymes, lecithin, and all other synthetic and non-synthetic crop production and livestock inputs and handling ingredients and processing aids currently approved on the National List might be taken off the list if supporters don't speak up. According to the USDA AMS, if "No Comments" are received on a material, it will automatically be removed from the list. Deadline for comments is Aug. 16, 2005. Your public comment should include relevant documentation that supports your position.

THIS MOST LIKELY AFFECTS YOU SO PLEASE TAKE TIME TO READ THE FOLLOWING.

The USDA AMS is seeking public comment to determine whether materials currently on the National List should continue to be allowed or prohibited in organic production and handling.



As required by the Organic Food Production Act of 1990, a sunset provision requires that all 165 synthetic and non-synthetic substances in organic production and handling be reviewed every five years. The current list is set to expire Oct 21, 2007. As a result, the USDA AMS seeks public comment. It is imperative that the organic industry makes comments about all materials listed on the present National List.

Submit written comments (identified with Docket Number TM-0407) by mail (send to Arthur Neal, Director, Program Administration, National Organic Program, USDA-AMS-TMP-NOP, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Room 4008-So. Ag Stop 0268, Washington, DC 20250), e-mail (National.List@usda.gov), or fax (202-205-7808). The Federal Register notice is posted under the Agricultural Marketing Service: http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/a050617c.html



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