

## Labeling Recommendations -- 1998-99

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### **National Organic Standards Board Processing, Handling, and Labeling Committee report and adopted recommendations to the secretary**

Date: March 16-20, 1998  
Location: Ontario, CA

#### **§205.100 Agricultural products in packages sold, labeled, or represented as organic**

\*Committee recommendation: Replace with NOSB's prior recommendation that includes calculating by fluid volume if all the ingredients of the food are liquid. If the food is identified as being from concentrate, then calculate on the basis of single strength concentration of food concentrates reconstituted with water.

#### **§205.100 (a) Ingredient statement: 95% organic ingredients**

\*Committee recommendation: The name of each organic ingredient in the ingredients statement shall be preceded by the term organic or other indicator of organic, i.e. an asterisk \*.

#### **§205.100 (a)(4) USDA, State, & Certifier Seal on 95% organic principal display panel**

\*Committee recommendation: Allow private certifier seal to also be used optionally on principal display in the same manner as the State certification seal.

#### **§205.101 Agricultural products in packages sold, labeled, or represented as "made with certain organic ingredients"**

\*Committee recommendation: Return to NOSB's recommendation which also includes that type size of this statement cannot be larger than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the name of the product. Limit number of organic ingredients listed on display panel to three.

#### **§205.104 (a) Informational statements prohibited: Phrase "100%" in sentence or phrase that includes the term organic**

\*Committee recommendation: Follow NOSB recommendations that the percent statement may be part of the information panel above the ingredient statement.

#### **§205.107 USDA Seal**

\*Committee recommendation: 1) Advise the USDA that the current design utilizing a triangular background which typically signifies caution along with organic banner appearing as slash over the globe does not represent the message the USDA seal needs to convey; 2) The NOSB offers its services as consultants in future design development.