

**National Organic Standards Board
Crops Committee
2012 Sunset Recommendation
Sodium Silicate**

March 3, 2011

List: §205.601 Synthetic substances allowed for use in organic crop production.

- (l) As floating agents in postharvest handling.
- (2) Sodium silicate—for tree fruit and fiber processing.

Committee Summary

The Crops Committee requested but did not receive a Technical Report (TR) on this material prior to its consideration and recommendation on sodium silicate. Without the benefit of the TR and given limited information on the use and essentiality of sodium silicate, as well as the availability of another 601-allowed floating agent for the same purpose, the committee voted unanimously against the continued listing of this chemical, pending receipt of the TR and further technical review.

Committee Recommendations

The Crops Committee recommends against the continued listing of sodium silicate —allowed for tree fruit and fiber processing as a floating agent and postharvest handling. The motion was to continue the listing of sodium silicate —allowed for tree fruit and fiber processing as a floating agent and postharvest handling.

Committee Vote

Motion: To relist sodium silicate—for tree fruit and fiber processing, on § 205.601.

Motion: Jay Feldman Second: Colehour Bondera

Yes: 0 No: 5 Absent: 2 Abstain: 0 Recuse: 0