

SUGGESTED LANGUAGE
CLARIFYING THE ORGANIC FOODS PRODUCTION ACT OF
1990

I. SECTION 1: HANDLING

Section 6510 of title 7, United States Code, is amended--

In paragraph (a)(1) after the word “ingredient” add the following:

“not appearing on the National List,”

II. SECTION 2: NATIONAL LIST

Section 6517 of title 7, United States Code, is amended--

(1) in paragraph (c)(1) after the word “substances” add the following:

“ in organic production and handling operations”

(2) by striking subparagraph (c)(1)(B)(iii) in its entirety.

III. SECTION 3: EMERGENCY PETITIONS

Section 6517 (d) title 7, United States Code, is amended by adding a new paragraph (6) as follows:

“(6) Expedited Petitions for Commercially Unavailable Organic Agricultural Products Constituting less than 5% of an Organic Processed Product

The Secretary shall have the authority to develop emergency procedures for designating agricultural products that are commercially unavailable in organic form for placement on the National List for a period of time not to exceed 12 months.”

IV. SECTION 4: ANIMAL PRODUCTION PRACTICES

Section 6509 of title 7, United States Code, is amended --

At the end of paragraph (e)(2), after the word “products.” by adding the following:

“Provided, that crops and forage from land included in the dairy farm’s organic system plan that is in the third year of organic management may be consumed by that farm's dairy animals during the 12 month period immediately prior to the sale of organic milk and milk products.”