NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** United States of America **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), Department of Agriculture (USDA) [1570]**Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:** Please submit comments to: USA WTO TBT Enquiry Point, Email: usatbtep@nist.gov |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****],** **5.7.1 [****],** **other****:** [ X ] |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Organics; Farming and forestry (ICS 65.020), Fertilizers (ICS 65.080), Processes in the food industry (ICS 67.020), Food products in general (ICS 67.040), Organic chemicals (ICS 71.080) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** National Organic Program; Proposed Amendments to the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances per October 2018 NOSB Recommendations (Crops and Handling) (5 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Proposed rule - This proposed rule would amend the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances (National List) section of the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) organic regulations to implement recommendations submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) by the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB). This rule proposes to add blood meal, made with sodium citrate, to the National List as a soil fertilizer in organic crop production; add natamycin to the National List to prohibit its use in organic crop production; and add tamarind seed gum as a non-organic agricultural substance for use in organic handling when organic forms of tamarind seed gum are not commercially available. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Protection of human health or safety |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** 84 Federal Register (FR) 55866, 18 October 2019; Title 7 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 205: [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-10-18/html/2019-22639.htm>](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-10-18/html/2019-22639.htm)[<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-10-18/pdf/2019-22639.pdf>](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-10-18/pdf/2019-22639.pdf)[G/TBT/N/USA/1445](https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S006.aspx?DataSource=Cat&query=@Symbol=G/TBT/N/USA/1445*&Language=English&Context=ScriptedSearches&languageUIChanged=true) and [G/TBT/N/USA/1445/Add.1](https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S006.aspx?DataSource=Cat&query=@Symbol=G/TBT/N/USA/1445/Add.1*&Language=English&Context=ScriptedSearches&languageUIChanged=true) |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined**Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 17 December 2019 |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [** **]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:** <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/TBT/USA/19_5986_00_e.pdf> |