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Synthetic Facility Pest Management Agreement

Important

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SECTION 1 - General Information

The National Organic Standards (7 CFR 205) require that organic facilities use management practices to prevent pests. The standards do allow for other means of pest control under certain circumstances (see rule language on next page).

Approval from PCO is required in the following situations:

- (1) If you are certified as a processor/handler and you are using a synthetic substance not on the National List in an organic production area, including but not limited to storage areas, loading docks, warehouses and packing areas.
- (2) If you are certified as a crops producer and you are using a synthetic substance not on the National List in a facility where organic product is produced and/or stored, including but not limited to crop and seed storage or in or around a greenhouse.
- (3) If you are certified as a livestock producer and you are using a synthetic substance not on the National List in a facility where organic product is produced and/or stored, including but not limited to feed storage areas, inside milk house, inside barn, outside of barn (if animals have potential access), inside poultry house and poultry outdoor access areas.

Note that you are required to attempt pest control through use of allowed pesticides before using synthetic pesticides not on the National List. Reference the PCO Approved Materials List or the Organic Materials Review Institute (OMR) Brand Name Materials List for a current listing of allowed pesticides.

Today's Date _____

1.1 Applicant Information

Name _____

Street _____

City, State, Zip _____

1.2 Primary Contact Information

Name (f,m,l) _____

Direct Phone _____

Email _____

SECTION 2 - Management

- 2.1** Describe pest problem
- 2.2** Describe management practices used to prevent and control pests (see §205.271(a), (b) on next page):
- 2.3** List pesticides that are allowed according to the National List that you have tried to control pests.
(See §205.271(c) on next page).
- 2.4** Describe monitoring practices used to determine effectiveness of management practices:

SECTION 3 - Substances

- 3.1** Synthetic substance(s) requesting to be used (attach label for each product) (see §205.271(d)):
- 3.2** Method of application:

- 3.3** Describe where the product is used in relation to production or storage of organic products, ingredients, or packaging materials. Describe measures taken to prevent contact of the organically produced products/ ingredients with the pest control substance used:
- 3.4** If pests are currently not a problem, please describe what your contingency plan is for managing pest infestation should they occur, including products that would be used (if any).

7 CFR § 205.271 Facility Pest Management Practice Standard

- a)** The producer or handler of an organic facility must use management practices to prevent pests, including but not limited to:
- (1) Removal of pest habitat, food sources, and breeding areas;
 - (2) Prevention of access to handling facilities; and
 - (3) Management of environmental factors, such as temperature, light, humidity, atmosphere, and air circulation, to prevent pest reproduction.
- b)** Pests may be controlled through:
- (1) Mechanical or physical controls including but not limited to traps, light, or sound; or
 - (2) Lures and repellents using non-synthetic or synthetic substances consistent with the National List.
- c)** If the practices provided for in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section are not effective to prevent or control pests, a non-synthetic or synthetic substance consistent with the National List may be applied.
- d)** If the practices provided for in paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this section are not effective to prevent or control facility pests, a synthetic substance not on the National List may be applied, Provided, That, the handler and certifying agent agree on the substance, method of application, and measures to be taken to prevent contact of the organically produced products or ingredients with the substance used.

SECTION 4 - Required Attachments

- 4.1** Submit this completed form with the following attachments, if applicable:
- Pest management map of traps and monitors
 - Label(s) of synthetic substance(s) requested for use

SECTION 5 - Affirmation

Your Signature(s) _____ Date _____

Typing your name in the signature line above constitutes a signature.