Commercial Availability Form for Mushroom Production

*The purpose of this form is for certified organic mushroom operations to document when nonorganic mushroom spawn or agricultural materials used as uncomposted substrate or spawn media are **not** commercially available as organic.*

- ***§205.210(c)(2)** allows for the use of nonorganic uncomposted plant materials to be used as substrate when a functionally equivalent organically produced material is not commercially available.*
- ***§205.210(d)** allows for the use of nonorganic mushroom spawn to be used to produce an organic mushroom crop when an equivalent organic mushroom spawn is not commercially available.*
- ***§205.210(d)(2)** allows for the use of nonorganic agricultural materials to be used as spawn media when a functionally equivalent organic agricultural material is not commercially available.*
    - *Commercial availability does not apply to operations producing certified organic spawn for sale (§205.201(d)(1)).*

Commercially available is defined as the ability to obtain a production input in an appropriate form, quality, or quantity to fulfill an essential function in a system of organic production or handling, as determined by the certifying agent in the course of reviewing the organic plan.

Instructions:

- **For nonorganic spawn**: Operators must contact three suppliers that are certified and sell organic spawn. Check "N/A – Spawn" in the columns regarding Essential Function and Functional Equivalence.
- **For nonorganic agricultural materials:** Operators must consider organic material alternatives that perform the essential function of the nonorganic material. This should include the organic version of the nonorganic agricultural material being used or agricultural materials in the same category. For example, if the nonorganic material is wheat bran, then organic materials considered may include organic wheat bran, organic oat bran and organic rice bran. For any organic materials deemed functionally equivalent, operators must contact three suppliers that are certified and sell organic agricultural products.
- This form must be updated annually.

Name of Nonorganic Agricultural Material or Spawn:	Essential Function of Nonorganic Agricultural Material: ☐ N/A – Spawn	
Organic Materials Considered that Perform the Same Essential Function: ☐ N/A – Spawn	**Functionally Equivalent?**	**Why or Why Not?**
	☐ Yes ☐ No	
	☐ Yes ☐ No	
	☐ Yes ☐ No	

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Name of Supplier Contacted	Method & Date Contacted	Does this supplier sell organic agricultural materials or spawn?	Commercial Availability Determination *(Check reason organic material was not purchased)*
		☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Quantity ☐ Quality ☐ Form
		☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Quantity ☐ Quality ☐ Form
		☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Quantity ☐ Quality ☐ Form

Printed Name:	Date:

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