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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 3 October 2014, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States of America.

TITLE: National Organic Program (NOP); Amendments to the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances (Crops and Processing)

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

ACTION: Final rule

SUMMARY: This final rule amends the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances (National List) to reflect a recommendation submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) by the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) on 18 October 2012, and removes two previously expired substances. Consistent with the recommendation from the NOSB, this final rule adds biodegradable biobased mulch film to the National List with restrictive annotations. This action also adds a new definition for biodegradable biobased mulch film. This rule also removes two listings for nonorganic agricultural substances from the National List, hops (*Humulus lupulus*) and unmodified rice starch, as their use exemptions expired on 1 January 2013, and 21 June 2009, respectively. Two other substances that were recommended by the NOSB to the Secretary for addition to the National List, Citrus hystrix, leaves and fruit, and curry leaves (*Murraya koenigii*), have not been added to the National List based on comments received on the proposed rule.

DATES: Effective Date: This rule is effective 30 October 2014. The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in this rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of 30 October 2014.
