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<p>Korea Will Remain Open to NOP Products</p> <p>Official confirmation has come through the Organic Trade Association that the Korean Government in charge of organic regulations (MIFAFF) will delay the implementation of the Korean Organic Regulation from the end of 1010 until the end of 2012. In the meantime, work will continue to revise the Regulation in order to include language allowing for the potential for foreign imports to be determined as equivalent. Operators exporting to Korea should not see any difference in the requirements or protocol. More information...</p> <p style="text-align: center;">New EU Organic Label</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <p>Following two years of legal delays the new EU Organic Logo became available for use on 1 July. The logo, a green rectangle with the twelve EU stars forming a leaf was chosen by popular vote in an amateur design contest.</p> <p>Use of the new logo is voluntary for operators outside the European Union and other restrictions apply. OTCO clients wishing to use the new logo will need to have their labels approved prior to use. For more information and guidance contact Jim Pierce at jim@tilth.org More information...</p> </div> </div> <p>OTA Forms Accessory Nutrient Task Force</p> <p>OTA is forming a task force to address the implications of the National Organic Program (NOP)'s April 26 action memorandum to the Chairman of the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) on "Scope of Nutrient Vitamins and Minerals in Organic Food." OTA is seeking members who use products with accessory nutrients for the task force, which will collect information on the range and quantity of materials that are being used and to follow the NOP-NOSB process regarding these materials. Interested members should contact the OTA.</p> <p>NOP Publishes Program Handbook</p> <p>USDA's National Organic Program (NOP) has posted a "program handbook" to provide guidance about the national organic standards and instructions that outline best program practices. It is intended to serve as a resource for the organic industry to help participants comply with federal regulations. According to NOP, the handbook explains the difference between NOP guidance and instruction documents, and outlines their purpose, legal effect, and the process by which NOP authorizes, reviews, revises and disseminates them to the public. Future guidance documents will be issued through the notice and comment process outlined in the handbook.</p> <p>NOP Announces New Enforcement Procedures</p> <p>USDA's National Organic Program has announced new measures to collaborate with accredited certifying agents in investigating complaints. NOP will also handle all enforcement actions. More</p>	<p>In this Issue</p> <p>Korea Will Remain Open to NOP Products</p> <p>New EU Organic Label</p> <p>OTA Forms Accessory Nutrient Task Force</p> <p>NOP Publishes Program Handbook</p> <p>NOP Announces New Enforcement Procedures</p> <p>USDA Makes Available \$6 Million for Cost-Share</p> <p>New NOSB Members Announced</p> <p>NOP Asks NOSB to Consider Prohibiting Sodium Nitrate</p> <p>Upcoming Events</p> <p>Organicology Conference February 10-12, 2011 Portland, OR</p> <p>Organicology is an interactive educational format created by four organic trade organizations designed to meet the diverse needs of our rapidly expanding trade. Organicology offers curriculum designed to advance trade knowledge across a broad front. Seed producers, farmers, distributors and retailers, researchers and educators, chefs, food policy activists, and of course..... eaters of great food - all find topics of interest and sources of inspiration at Organicology. The 2011 conference will continue focus on sustainability, farming and seed issues as well as an addition of education and interchange around the impacts of climate change on</p>

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<p>information...</p> <p>USDA Makes Available \$6 Million for Organic Certification Cost-Share</p> <p>The U.S. Department of Agriculture today announced the availability of \$6.37 million in federal funds for organic certification reimbursements for fiscal year 2010. Available through two cost-share programs, the Agricultural Management Assistance Program and the National Organic Certification Cost-Share Program, these funds will be apportioned to state agriculture departments for distribution among applicants seeking organic certification of their agricultural production or handling operations. More information...</p> <p>New NOSB Members Announced</p> <p>NOP has announced five new members of the National Organic Standards Board to take their seats Jan. 24, 2011. They are Colehour J. Bondera, an organic producer from Honaunau, HI; Nicholas C. Maravell, an organic producer from Potomac, MD; Mac Stone, a certifying agent representative and OTA member from Georgetown, KY; Jennifer E. Taylor, a public interest representative from Tallahassee, FL; and Reuben C. Walker, a public interest representative from Lafayette, LA. More information...</p> <p>NOP Asks NOSB to Consider Prohibiting Sodium Nitrate</p> <p>USDA's National Organic Program has posted an action memorandum to NOSB, which says, in part: "The allowance of sodium nitrate under the NOP regulations causes problems with obtaining equivalency with foreign organic standards. The NOP requests that the NOSB evaluate the annotation under §205.602(g) that allows sodium nitrate to be utilized under the NOP regulations and consider removing the annotation in order to facilitate trade for U.S. organic agricultural products."</p>	<p>agriculture and the farm bill. Get more Information or Register!</p> <p>Tilth Producers Annual Conference November 12-14, 2010 Fort Worden Port Townsend, WA</p> <p>Save the date for this year's Tilth Producers of Washington conference, <i>Organic Agriculture: The Root of Rural Development</i>. Our keynote speaker will be Chuck Hassebrook, Executive Director of the Center for Rural Affairs, in Lyons, Nebraska. The WSU Friday Symposium, <i>Organic Grains for Food, Feed and Malt</i>, features sessions with growers, researchers, millers and bakers. More info...</p> <p>Natural Products Expo East October 13-16, 2010 Boston, MA</p> <p>Natural Products Expo East provides the place to grow your natural, organic and healthy products business in 2010. Get More Information or Register Now!</p> 

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