



Declaration of Organic Status of Pumice

All pumice that is processed through Hess Pumice Products' facilities is 100% natural mineral and is not chemically altered in any way. It may therefore be deemed allowable in "organic" processes as approved by the Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI). The following information is taken from the OMRI website as verification of this status.

PUMICE

Status: Allowed

Class: Crop Fertilizers and Soil Amendments

Origin: Nonsynthetic

Description: See also MINED MATERIALS - UNPROCESSED.

NOP Rule: 205.203(d)(2) Mined substance of low solubility.

MINED MINERALS-UNPROCESSED

Status: Allowed

Class: Crop Fertilizers and Soil Amendments, Crop Management Tools and Production Aids

Origin: Nonsynthetic

Description: A mined mineral must not have undergone any change in its molecular structure through heating or combining with other substances. Acceptable if the material is not processed or fortified with synthetic chemicals. Mined minerals are regarded as supplements of a balanced organic soil building program. Some of the minerals that are mined can also be made synthetically or are byproducts of industry: investigate the source of any new material. See also MINED SUBSTANCE OF HIGH SOLUBILITY, MINED SUBSTANCES OF LOW SOLUBILITY, and MINERAL INPUTS.

NOP Rule: 205.105, 205.203(d), and 205.206(d)(2). A producer may manage crop nutrients and soil fertility to maintain or improve soil organic matter content in a manner that does not contribute to contamination of crops, soil, or water...by applying...a mined substance of low solubility, [or]...a mined substance of high solubility, Provided, That, the substance is used in compliance with the conditions established on the National List of nonsynthetic materials prohibited for crop production.

This information can be validated by searching the OMRI Generic Material list a www.omri.org/omri-lists

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