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**INTERNATIONAL ORGANIC PROGRAM  
POTASSIUM BICARBONATE APPROVED FOR USE IN EU ORGANIC PRODUCTION**

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Dear International Program Applicant –

On May 6, 2008 the European Union authorities published an amendment to the European Organic Regulation (EEC 2092/91). This amendment (EC 404/2008) approves the use of potassium bicarbonate for disease management in EU organic crop production.

Due to this change in the EU Regulation, the WSDA European Organic Program Additional Requirements have been updated. Potassium bicarbonate has been removed from the list of prohibited materials in Section G of the Additional Requirements (AGR 2313). Please visit our website for the most current version of the Additional Requirements, or contact our office if you would like a hardcopy mailed to you. [www.agr.wa.gov/foodanimal/organic/default.htm](http://www.agr.wa.gov/foodanimal/organic/default.htm).

**Please note that potassium bicarbonate remains prohibited under the WSDA Japan Organic Compliance Program.** An application of potassium bicarbonate to any crop restricts the crop from receiving Japan Compliance for that crop year.

***How does this change affect your 2008 European Organic Application?***

Sites and crops that have had applications of potassium bicarbonate are now eligible for certification under the WSDA European Organic Program. There is no transitional time period for the use of potassium bicarbonate. If you used potassium bicarbonate in previous years, or earlier this year, the site and crops are now eligible for EU organic certification. Sites that were previously split because of the use of potassium bicarbonate can now be included in the EU organic program. If your site was split solely due to the application of potassium bicarbonate, this split may no longer be necessary.

**If you would like to have any new sites or crops evaluated for compliance according to EU Organic Standards, please contact our office as soon as possible to update your application and EU Organic System Plan.**

Please contact Brenda Book, Organic Certification Coordinator, if you have any questions. Brenda can be reached at (360) 902-2090 or email: [bbook@agr.wa.gov](mailto:bbook@agr.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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