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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1.	Notifying Member: <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), Department of Agriculture (USDA) [1040] Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: Please submit comments to: USA WTO TBT Enquiry Point Email: ncsci@nist.gov
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Non-organic agricultural substances. Food products in general (ICS: 67.040)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: National Organic Program (NOP); Sunset 2015 Amendments to the National List (4 pages, in English)
6.	Description of content: This proposed rule would address recommendations submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) by the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) following their October 2014 meeting. These recommendations pertain to the 2015 Sunset Review of substances on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances (National List). Consistent with the recommendations from the NOSB, this proposed rule would remove two non- organic agricultural substances from the National List for use in organic handling, fortified cooking wines--marsala wine and sherry wine. This proposed rule would also remove two listings for synthetic substances allowed for use in organic crop production on the National List, streptomycin and tetracycline, as their use exemptions expired on 21 October 2014.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection
8.	Relevant documents: 80 Federal Register (FR) 45499, 30 July 2015; Title 7 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 205. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined
10.	Final date for comments: 31 August 2015

- 11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**

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