

## National Organic Program Handbook: Guidance and Instructions for Accredited Certifying Agents and Certified Operations

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<a href="#">Manual del Programa Nacional Orgánico (NOP Handbook in Spanish)</a>		9/16/2015
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<a href="#">Materials for Organic Crop Production</a>   <a href="#">Materials for Organic Crop Production</a>   <a href="#">Appendix of Prohibited Materials for Organic Crop Production</a>   <a href="#">Response to Comments</a>	NOP 5034, NOP 5034-1, NOP 5034-2 NOP 5034-3	12/2/2016

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<a href="#"><u>Clarification of Existing Regulations Regarding the Use of Genetically Modified Organisms in Organic Agriculture</u></a>	PM 11-13	10/31/2011
<a href="#"><u>Labeling of Textiles that Contain Organic Ingredients</u></a>	PM 11-14	10/31/2011
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