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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### 5 CFR Part 532

RIN 3206-AL68

### Prevailing Rate Systems; Redefinition of the New Orleans, LA, Appropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Area

**AGENCY:** U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Office of Personnel Management is issuing a final rule to add St. Charles and St. John the Baptist Parishes, Louisiana, to the survey area of the New Orleans, LA, appropriated fund Federal Wage System wage area. The purpose of this change is to ensure the lead agency for the New Orleans wage area is able to obtain wage data that best represent the prevailing rates paid by businesses in the area.

**DATES:** *Effective date:* This regulation is effective on September 18, 2008.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On July, 9 2008, the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) issued an interim rule (73 FR 39213) to add St. Charles and St. John the Baptist Parishes, Louisiana, to the survey area of the New Orleans, LA, appropriated fund Federal Wage System (FWS) wage area. The interim rule had a 30-day public comment period, during which OPM received no comments.

This change will be effective for the next full-scale wage survey in the wage area, which is scheduled to begin in November 2008.

## Regulatory Flexibility Act

I certify that these regulations will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities because they will affect only Federal agencies and employees.

### List of Subjects in 5 CFR Part 532

Administrative practice and procedure, Freedom of information, Government employees, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Wages.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

**Michael W. Hager,**  
*Acting Director.*

■ Accordingly, under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 5343, the interim rule published on July 9, 2008, amending 5 CFR part 532 (73 FR 39213) is adopted as final with no changes.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agriculture Marketing Service

### 7 CFR Part 205

[Docket Number AMS-TM-08-0025; TM-08-05FR]

RIN 0581-AC81

### National Organic Program; Amendment to the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances (Livestock)

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This final rule amends the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances (National List) to reflect one recommendation submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) by the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) on May 22, 2008. Consistent with the recommendation from the NOSB, this final rule revises the annotation of one substance on the National List, Methionine, to extend its use in organic poultry production until October 1, 2010.

**DATES:** This rule becomes effective September 19, 2008.

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## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. Background

On December 21, 2000, the Secretary established, within the NOP [7 CFR part 205], the National List regulations §§ 205.600 through 205.607. This National List identifies the synthetic substances that may be used and the nonsynthetic (natural) substances that may not be used in organic production. The National List also identifies synthetic, nonsynthetic nonagricultural and nonorganic agricultural substances that may be used in organic handling. The Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (OFPA), as amended, (7 U.S.C. 6501 *et seq.*), and NOP regulations, in § 205.105, specifically prohibit the use of any synthetic substance for organic production and handling unless the synthetic substance is on the National List. Section 205.105 also requires that any nonorganic agricultural and any nonsynthetic nonagricultural substance used in organic handling be on the National List.

Under the authority of the OFPA, as amended, (7 U.S.C. 6501 *et seq.*), the National List can be amended by the Secretary based on proposed amendments developed by the NOSB. Since established, the National List has been amended nine times, October 31, 2003 (68 FR 61987), November 3, 2003 (68 FR 62215), October 21, 2005 (70 FR 61217), June 7, 2006 (71 FR 32803), September 11, 2006 (71 FR 53299), June, 27, 2007 (72 FR 35137), October 16, 2007 (72 FR 58469), December 10, 2007 (72 FR 69569), and December 12, 2007 (72 FR 70479). Additionally, an amendment to the National List, proposed on July 14, 2008, (73 FR 40194), is currently pending.

This final rule amends the National List to reflect one recommendation submitted to the Secretary by the NOSB on May 22, 2008.

### II. Overview of Proposed Amendment

The following provides an overview of the proposed amendment to § 205.603 of the National List: