



# Joint Committee Issue Paper

NSF Standard(s) Impacted: NSF/ANSI 305

**Background:**

Provide a brief background statement indicating the cause and nature of concern, the impacts identified relevant to public health, public understanding, etc, and any other reason why the issue should be considered by the Committee. Reference as appropriate any specific section(s) of the standard(s) that are related to the issue.

Currently, sodium benzoate is the only preservative listed as a “Petroleum-derived ingredients specifically allowed” under Table G.3 and noted in Table 5.2. However, potassium sorbate is another common preservative that is only available in a petroleum derived form. As such, the same allowances should apply for potassium sorbate as sodium benzoate.

**Recommendation:**

Clearly state what action is needed: e.g., recommended changes to the standard(s) including the current text of the relevant section(s) indicating deletions by use of ~~strike-out~~ and additions by **highlighting** or underlining; e.g., reference of the issue to a Task Group for detailed consideration; etc.

Add a note to Table 5.2 as shown below and also add potassium sorbate to Table G.2.

**Table 5.2 – Preservative ingredients allowed in “Contains Organic” products**

Benzoic Acid and its salts and esters (non-petroleum feedstock when commercially available)
Sodium Benzoate derived from partial petroleum feedstock (until non-petroleum derived feedstock is commercially available)
Grapefruit Seed Extract
Potassium Lactate
Salicylic Acid, its salts and esters
Sorbic Acid, and its salts and esters (non-petroleum feedstock when commercially available)
Potassium Sorbate derived from partial petroleum feedstock (until non-petroleum derived feedstock is commercially available)
Benzyl Alcohol (non-petroleum feedstock only)
Glucose, Glucose Oxidase, Lactoperoxidase

**Table G.3 – Illustrative list of Petroleum-derived ingredients specifically allowed**

Sodium Benzoate derived from partial petroleum feedstock (until non-petroleum derived feedstock is commercially available)
Potassium Sorbate derived from partial petroleum feedstock (until non-petroleum derived feedstock is commercially available)




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