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## Standards Interpretation Committee

### **REPORT –PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD LAUNCHED IN JULY 2016**

[Click here](#) to read the report from the last SIC Public Comment Period – July – August 2016

### **NOMINATIONS - ORGANIC STANDARDS INTERPRETATION COMMITTEE**

The Standards Interpretation Committee (SIC) is an advisory body that has been created to assist the [Canadian Food Inspection Agency](#) in the interpretation of the Canadian Organic Standards (CAN/CGSB 32.310 and CAN/CGSB 32.311), in order to achieve uniform application of the rules to all operators through various certifying bodies.

As per the [SIC Terms of Reference](#) that outlines the function of the committee as well as the selection criteria and process of its members, the terms of two committee members, Kelly Monaghan and Ted Zettel are ending in November 2016 and one vacant seat has to be filled.

### **You are invited to submit nominations for these three positions.**

Each nomination must be accompanied by an outline of the candidate's credentials; nominees must be:

- [voting members of the CGSB Committee](#) on Organic Agriculture; or,
- stakeholders having experience in the standard process as well as technical expertise in at least one aspect of organic production, or
- stakeholders having experience with any other kind of standards' drafting.

Members ending their terms may run for re-election but must be nominated again.

Appointments to the SIC are for three years. Other current members of the Standards Interpretation Committee are Rochelle Eisen, Janine Gibson and Amy Kremen.

**We will accept nominations until October 7<sup>th</sup> 2016.**

SIC nominations should be sent to the OFC at [info@organicfederation.ca](mailto:info@organicfederation.ca) Please contact the OFC if you have any questions or require further information.

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**The activities of the Standards Interpretation Committee are posted on OFC Website:**

Terms of Reference - <http://organicfederation.ca/sic-terms-reference>

Addressing a question to the SIC - <http://organicfederation.ca/addressing-question-sic>

Final Q&As - <http://organicfederation.ca/final-qas-canadian-organic-standards>

Q&As under Comment Period - <http://organicfederation.ca/qas-under-comment-period>

Reminder - Public review

## Amendment of the Canadian Organic Standards

**ALL ORGANIC PRODUCERS AND PROCESSORS ARE INVITED TO COMMENT**

**THE PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS BEFORE SEPTEMBER 25 2016**

In order to clarify the scope of some clauses or to make them compatible with the practices of the industry, modifications are proposed to the two Canadian Organic Standards, CAN/CGSB-32.310-2015 – Organic Production Systems– General Principles and Management Standards and CAN/CGSB-32.311-2015 – Organic Production Systems – Permitted Substances Lists, published November 25th 2015.

**The sector is invited to comment these proposed modifications under the public review coordinated by the Canadian General Standards Board which will run from August 26 to September 25 2016.**

To consult the 2016 amended draft, click on the following links:

- [General Principles and Management Standards](#)
- [Permitted Substances Lists](#)

The CGSB Technical Committee on Organic Agriculture will meet September 27 2016 in order to analyze the proposed modifications taking into account comments issued by the stakeholders and the public.

[Read more](#)

## Canadian Organic Science Conference

**Today is your last day for registering at the Canadian Organic Science Conference** that will be held next week, September 19-21, in Montreal –Longueuil.

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