

Third-Party Soil Amendment Suppliers

Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule

Model Certificate of Conformance

{Date, to be renewed annually}

To whom it may concern;

{Company and product name} meets the definition of a treated biological soil amendment of animal origin¹ in the FSMA Produce Safety Rule. This product has undergone a scientifically valid treatment, with appropriate process monitoring, to conform to one of the following microbial standards. {Select one of the following}

- §112.55(a): No detectable *L. monocytogenes*, *Salmonella spp.*, and *E. coli* O157:H7
 - For *L. monocytogenes*, detection limit 1 CFU in 5 g or 5 mL
 - For *Salmonella*, detection limit 3 MPN in 4 g (total solids) or 4 mL (if liquid is being sampled)
 - For *E. coli* O157:H7, detection limit 0.3 MPN in 1 g or 1 mL analytical portion
- §112.55(b): No detectable *Salmonella spp.*, and fecal coliforms <1000 CFU in 1 g or 1 mL total solids
 - For *Salmonella*, detection limit 3 MPN in 4 g (total solids) or 4 mL (if liquid is being sampled)

{If final product was tested, attach a copy of the analysis to this document²}

The process used to achieve this treatment status was: {Select one of the following}

- Aerated static composting with 3 or more days at temperature followed by adequate curing
- Turned (windrow) composting with 15 or more days at temperature and 5 or more turnings, followed by adequate curing
- Other: {Write in brief name and description of process. Insert a reference for the validation study(ies) that support this process}

Appropriate control parameters {e.g. time, temperature, pH, moisture, number and timing of turnings, carbon:nitrogen ratios²} were monitored throughout the treatment process.

This product has been handled, conveyed, and stored in a manner and location to minimize the risk of contamination by an untreated or in-process biological soil amendment of animal origin. Practices used to minimize contamination risk include: {Select all that apply²}

- Physical separation of in-process product from finished product
- Storm water and runoff were directed away from finished product
- Different equipment was used for handling finished product
- Equipment was cleaned and sanitized before handling finished product
- Other: {write in description}

{Insert authorized signature/name of company representative}

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