Operation Name: _____ **Date:** _____

*Nonorganic ingredients are allowed in products labeled "Organic" only when organic forms are not commercially available, and the ingredient appears on the National List, and other technical criteria are met (per **Nonorganic Processing Material Affidavit**). If an organic version is commercially available, you must use it. Cost cannot be a factor in determining commercial availability.*

Commercially available – "The ability to obtain a production input in an appropriate form, quality, or quantity to fulfill an essential function".

► Complete one H2.7 form for each National List nonorganic agricultural ingredient used in products labeled "Organic" or other material requiring commercial unavailability documentation; ex: yeast, flavors, silicon dioxide, collagen gel casing, colors, gums, gelatin, carnauba wax, and more. You are required to search for organic ingredients at least on an annual basis. You may create a spreadsheet to track this information if you source multiple ingredients.

A. Organic Ingredient Search

1) Nonorganic ingredient: _____

2) Used in the following "Organic" product(s): _____

3) Describe your search (potential suppliers, dates, search methods).

You must contact at least three potential organic sources and use resources such as the USDA Organic Integrity Database (NOP only) or explain why this search is not possible. If an organic version is commercially available, you must use it. Cost cannot be a factor in determining commercial availability.

4) Which of the following makes this product unavailable organically? Check all that apply.

☐ Form ☐ Quality ☐ Quantity ☐ Essential Function

a) Explain your answer using specific details.

B. Ongoing Annual Monitoring Plan

1) Describe your ongoing plan to find an organic ingredient and attach records that will be used to document your search and any product testing. ☐ Attached

You must contact at least three manufacturers annually and use resources such as the USDA Organic Integrity Database (NOP only). Records or documents of continued efforts to locate an organic source will be reviewed at your annual inspections.