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Category:    New Fertilizer Material     New Term    Soil Amendment    Beneficial Substance

Submission's Proposed Definition:

**Maleic – Itaconic Copolymer, Calcium Salt – A substance composed of a partial calcium salt of maleic – itaconic copolymer that can be applied to granular urea fertilizers or mixed with liquid ammoniacal nitrogen/urea fertilizers.**

AOAC or Equivalent Method(s) of Analysis (if applicable):

**See attached summary. Methods listed there are included in this application by reference.**

Submitted Research: (Minimum of 3 required)

**See attached summary. Research on efficacy listed there is included in this application by reference.**

Additional Research Citations:

**See attached summary. Research on mode of action listed there is included in this application by reference.**

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**Bibliography of Documents Submitted<sup>1</sup> in  
Support of AAPFCO Applications for Term  
for NutriSphere-N**

**Proposed AAPFCO Term**

Term: Maleic – Itaconic Copolymer, Calcium Salt – A substance composed of a partial calcium salt of maleic – itaconic copolymer that can be applied to granular urea fertilizers or mixed with liquid ammoniacal nitrogen/urea fertilizers.

**AOAC or Equivalent Methods of Analysis**

1. Enforcement Analytical Methodology for AVAIL and NutriSphere-N Polymeric Fertilizer Enhancement Products – Recipe and Example Chromatography.
2. Validation of “Aqueous gel permeation/size exclusion chromatography (GPC/SEC) analysis procedure for selected AVAIL and Nutrisphere-N products” method following AOAC Guidelines (Revised 12/21/2015) – Validation Data.
3. APHA/AWWA Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Waste Water Method 4500-NH<sub>3</sub>, available at <https://www.standardmethods.org>.
4. AOAC Official Method 965.09 Nutrients (Minor) in Fertilizers- Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometric Method, available at <https://www.aoac.org>.
5. AOAC Official Method 983.04 Sodium in Fertilizers Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometric Method, available at <https://www.aoac.org>.
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**Submitted Research**

*Published Efficacy Studies for NutriSphere-N*

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<sup>1</sup> Each listed document is being submitted as part of the AAPFCO application for a term for NutriSphere-N, except documents 3-6, which are available on the websites indicated above.

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#### **Additional Research Citations**

##### *Efficacy and Mode of Action Trial Data Comparing NutriSphere-N, Agrotain, and Humic Acid*

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##### *Efficacy Meta-Analysis for NutriSphere-N*

13. Baird, D. VSN NZ Ltd., 2016 "Meta-analysis of 383 NutriSphere trials". Unpublished report.

##### *Summary of Uses and Benefits of NutriSphere-N*

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##### *Published Environmental Effects Data for NutriSphere-N*

15. Peng, X., et al. Northeast Agricultural University, Resource and Environment College; University of Nebraska, Department of Agronomy and Horticulture; Harbin University of Science and Technology, Institute of Chemical and Environmental Engineering; and USDA-Agricultural Research Service, 2015. "A Laboratory Evaluation of Ammonia Volatilization and Nitrate Leaching following Nitrogen Fertilizer Application on a Coarse-Textured Soil." *Agronomy Journal*, 107:871-879.

##### *Additional Mode of Action Studies*

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Except where otherwise noted, each of these supporting documents is available in the zip file accompanying this submission.