

## Customer Assurance Statement

# GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

This statement refers to the globally produced food products that are supplied by any of the Ingredion EMEA Companies.

Each of the Ingredion EMEA Companies fully supports the responsible use of modern biotechnology; this technology has the potential to offer significant benefits to the environment, agriculture, food manufacturers and consumers. However, within this context we recognise the concerns over the use of genetically modified (GM) materials based on regional requirements and that the food industry needs to offer the consumer a choice. Therefore, the Ingredion EMEA Companies are able to offer a range of products that are Identity Preserved Non-GM to meet these requirements. Auditing of the supply chains and strict testing programs ensure the offering of a global supply of products from non-GM sources, that meet the requirements of the following European Regulations: -

1. **Regulation (EC) 1829/2003 on genetically modified food and animal feed<sup>1</sup>** relates to the labelling of consumer products with ingredients that contain or consist of genetically modified organisms (GMO), or contain ingredients produced from GMO. These products have to be labelled as such. It is not possible to offer any materials described as 'GM-Free' because this term has not been legally defined and theoretically, adventitious contamination can arise from cross-pollination or during handling and storage. It is important to note that these regulations do not apply to products from non-GM sources.
2. **Regulation (EC) 1830/2003 on the traceability and labelling of GMO<sup>2</sup>** provides a harmonised EU system on the documentation needed to trace and label GMO throughout the entire supply chain. The Regulation applies to products consisting of, or containing, GMO and food and animal feed produced from GMO at all stages of placing on the market. It applies to the traceability of the GMO event via unique identifiers and to the traceability and identity preservation of the GM source.

Please note, the information given in this statement is in relation to products supplied by any of the Ingredion EMEA Companies and is based upon their interpretation of relevant legislation. Although it is offered in good faith, the advice is not legal advice to you. It is therefore necessary that you satisfy yourself of the use and any labelling obligations, in accordance with relevant legislation, for your products as sold to the ultimate consumer. Each of the Ingredion EMEA Companies cannot accept any liability in this regard. The 'Ingredion EMEA Companies' are each of Ingredion UK Limited, Ingredion Germany GmbH, Ingredion Middle East Branch, Ingredion South Africa Pty Limited and Ingredion Holding LLC- Kenya Branch Office. Issued on behalf of each of the Ingredion EMEA Companies by Ingredion UK Limited.

Please note the current legislative situation continues to evolve rapidly; the Ingredion EMEA Companies each reserve the right to change the raw material source, but will do so only if the current identity preserved non-GM status can be maintained.

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2003 on genetically modified food and feed, as amended

<sup>2</sup> Regulation (EC) No 1830/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2003 concerning the traceability and labelling of genetically modified organisms and the traceability of food and feed products produced from genetically modified organisms, as amended