

**Declaration of compliance with the “prohibition of genetically modified organisms”
pursuant to the provisions of Regulation (EU) No 2018/848 as amended**

Producer/supplier:

Name: _____ Tel/Fax: _____
Street: _____ Email: _____
Postal code / city: _____ Country: _____

Name of the product:

We hereby confirm for the product(s) mentioned above:

- (a) that this product is neither a genetically modified organism (GMO) itself, nor does it contain any such organism, and
- (b) that this product was not produced “from” or “by” a GMO. Neither do we have any information that would implicate that this statement is incorrect (depth of analysis: backwards in the manufacturing process to the last organism able to reproduce).
- (c) For all components contained in the above-mentioned product in respect of which one cannot rely on Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 (because they are exempt from the labelling obligation), written declarations of compliance by the producers having the same scope and the same content as (a) and (b) have been provided to us. This concerns microorganisms, enzymes, flavourings, organic acids and other organic compounds.

No declarations are necessary for substances that are used for the production of the product or the components and for technically unavoidable residues from the manufacturing process. This concerns e.g. nutrient media, processing aids, enzymes, plant protection products, feed and other aids that are used to manufacture the product or the components but are not themselves contained in the product as components.

Consequently, the product named above complies with the provisions of Regulation (EU) No 2018/848 as amended (see back for an excerpt from the provisions) with regard to the “prohibition of genetically modified organisms”. A specification of the above-mentioned product is enclosed with this declaration of compliance.

The signatory undertakes to give notification to its customer and the competent control body or control authority which the signatory is subject to without delay if this confirmation is revoked or changed or if information becomes known that calls into question the correctness of the confirmation.

The signatory authorises the competent control body / control authority responsible for the control of the customer in accordance with Article 3, (55) and (56) of Regulation (EC) No 2018/848 to verify the correctness of this confirmation in the context of an audit and take samples for analytical proof if necessary. This task can also be performed by an independent body named in writing by the control body. The signatory confirms the correctness of the statements made in this declaration.

Country/place/date

Signature

Company stamp

Excerpt from the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 on organic production and labelling of organic products and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007

Article 3: Definitions

- (58) 'genetically modified organism' or 'GMO' means a genetically modified organism as defined in point (2) of Article 2 of Directive 2001/18/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (1) which is not obtained through the techniques of genetic modification listed in Annex I.B to that Directive;
- (59) 'produced from GMOs' means derived in whole or in part from GMOs but not containing or consisting of GMOs;
- (60) 'produced by GMOs' means derived by using a GMO as the last living organism in the production process, but not containing or consisting of GMOs nor produced from GMOs;

Article 11: Prohibition of the use of GMOs

1. GMOs and products produced from or by GMOs shall not be used as food, feed, processing aids, plant protection products, fertilisers, soil conditioners, seeds, vegetative propagating material, microorganisms and animals in organic production.
2. For the purpose of the prohibition referred to in paragraph 1 concerning GMOs or products produced from GMOs for food and feed, operators may rely on the labels accompanying a product or any other accompanying document, affixed or provided pursuant to Directive 2001/18/EC, Regulation (EC) 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and the Council of 22 September 2003 on genetically modified food and feed or Regulation (EC) 1830/2003 concerning the traceability and labelling of genetically modified organisms and the traceability of food and feed products produced from genetically modified organisms.
3. Operators may assume that no GMOs or products produced from GMOs have been used in the manufacture of purchased food and feed products when the latter are not labelled, or accompanied by a document, pursuant to those Regulations, unless they have obtained other information indicating that labelling of the products in question is not in conformity with those Regulations.
4. For the purpose of the prohibition referred to in paragraph 1, with regard to products not being food or feed, or products produced by GMOs, operators using such non-organic products purchased from third parties shall require the vendor to confirm that the products supplied have not been produced from or by GMOs.

Article 16: Production rules for processed food

Flavouring substances or flavouring preparations must be natural, within the meaning of Article 16(2), (3) and (4) of Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 (see excerpt below) or organic.

2. The term 'natural' for the description of a flavouring may only be used if the flavouring component comprises only flavouring preparations and/or natural flavouring substances.
3. The term 'natural flavouring substance(s)' may only be used for flavourings in which the flavouring component contains exclusively natural flavouring substances.
4. The term 'natural' may only be used in combination with a reference to a food, food category or a vegetable or animal flavouring source if the flavouring component has been obtained exclusively or by at least 95 % by w/w from the source material referred to.