

To whom it may concern

## General declaration 'GMO'

Hereby we can confirm that our finished products:

- do not contain GMO (Genetically Modified Organisms);
- do not contain GMO-derived components (such as DNA, protein);
- are not produced using GMO-based raw materials (such as sugar beet, wheat, soybean, maize, rapeseed, ...);
- which contain glucose syrup or caramel to be supplied:
  - either of glucose syrup of wheat origin: suppliers are committed to use for the manufacture of these wheat glucose syrups to the exclusion of any other raw material. On the other hand, there is no genetically modified wheat variety allowed at this time.
  - either of glucose syrup of maize origin controlled PCR negative (before entering the starch plant): suppliers of maize glucose syrup give guarantees on the maize being implemented. Suppliers use only traditional seed; they have implemented a segregation and traceability of the chain of transformation of maize, in order to maintain the identity of the selected raw material.
- are not produced using processing aids or ingredients that are derived from GMO. However, certain enzymes in starch processing are obtained by production strains / microorganisms which have been genetically modified. After fermentation the enzymes are separated from the production strain, purified and mixed with inert diluents for stabilization. Due to the different separation processes, no production strain of the microorganism is present in the final enzyme product. Enzymes are considered to be processing aids which are not within the scope of EC Regulation 1829/2003. Moreover, no rest enzyme or rest enzyme activity can be found in finished products obtained through starch processing.

The basis for this information is the fact that we received confirmation of all our suppliers of raw materials, ingredients and processing aids about the absence of GMO.

As a consequence no additional specific labelling and traceability requirements are needed according to the EC Regulations 1829/2003 and 1830/2003.

Belgosuc NV has the aim to maintain the non-GMO policy and has no intention to change this in the near future. Belgosuc undertakes to prevent the client about any changes on this statement.

We are confident that this policy will reassure our customers about our commitment to respond appropriately to customer demands for non-GM products.

This statement supersedes previously issued statements and is valid until the issuance of a new statement.

Yours sincerely,

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