



GMO DECLARATION Non-Organic Ingredients

In line with the EU 'Organic' Regulation 2092/91 and UKROFS Standards, the Soil Association standards for organic farming & production (Section 1.03) prohibit the use of genetically modified organisms* (GMOs) and products derived from them in organic production systems and organic products. In order to ensure accountability and traceability, and to provide consumers with a credible guarantee, it is necessary for licensees to seek confirmation from their suppliers that the materials they are supplied with are not genetically modified or derived from GMOs or produced using GMOs or their derivatives, and that all reasonable steps have been taken to avoid contamination from GMOs or their derivatives.

The following notes clarify for which ingredients this form is required.

1. **Organic Raw Materials.**

All organic raw materials must be produced without gene technology, in order to be certified organic and therefore GM declarations are not needed for these products.

2. **Non-organic raw materials.**

For all non-organic raw materials, (irrespective whether or not detectable in the final product) the original organism which produced that material must be free of gene technology. The original organism is defined as the last organism that accomplishes an essential conversion of the raw material. This means for example that

- for maize glucose the maize plants were not of GM stock and any enzymes used in conversion from starch to glucose were not produced by a GM organism.
- for soy lecithin that the soy seeds were not of GM stock
- for enzymes that the micro-organisms which produced the enzymes were not GMO.

3. **Processing of non-organic raw materials.**

For the time being the processing needed to convert the original non-organic organism into permitted non-organic raw materials and any associated processing aids do not need to be considered. For example substrates on which organisms are grown need not be considered at present. Therefore declarations are currently not required for materials used in production of non-organic ingredients. However the Soil Association does encourage the elimination of GMOs from all ingredients of organic products and will be closely monitoring the practicalities of requiring their elimination in the longer term.

4. **Multi-Ingredient non-organic raw materials.**

Many permitted raw materials consist of more than one ingredient. For example natural flavourings may consist of flavouring substances and carrier substances and the same applies to vitamins. The producer of a multi-ingredient non-organic product must provide declarations for all its ingredients and demonstrate that the original organisms for those ingredients are non-GM.

5. **Processing aids.**

The GM declaration must be completed for all processing aids. This includes vegetable washes. Where processing aids consist solely of non-agricultural ingredients, e.g. inorganic salts or filtration powders the completion of the GMO declaration to this effect will suffice.

Please sign or forward to your supplier, where appropriate, the declaration overleaf complete with any relevant documentation.

Please contact our certification team on 0117 914 2411 if you have any queries.

DECLARATION

In order to approve use of a non-organic raw material or processing aid SA Cert. request that you complete as the supplier the following declaration. Clearly in many cases copies of this form will need to be completed by each supplier of the ingredients used to produce the end ingredient or processing aid which is proposed for use in the manufacture of an organic product. GMO declarations must be available for each constituent ingredient.

I hereby declare that the product named below:

is supplied to: Name and address of licensee (and license number, if known)

is not derived from or produced using GMOs or their derivatives, and that all reasonable steps have been taken to avoid contamination from GMOs or their derivatives, and that this has been verified by the following measures:

- Traceability/ Identity Preservation System (including adequate separation). **A summary flow chart or copy of certificates for this process must be attached if this box is ticked.**
- Independent Audit (**specify certification body**. Copy of summary audit report may be required.)
- Equivalent declaration from previous supplier, or ingredient suppliers (**please supply copy of declaration**)
- PCR* testing (**specify frequency and tolerance limit**) *Polymerase Chain Reaction is a molecular biology technique which creates millions of copies of genetic material from a single molecule.
- Other (For example, description of production techniques, and details of raw materials and processing aids used. **These must be specified.**)

Signature:

Date:

Name and position:

Company Name and Address:

Please note. The validity of this declaration will expire 12 months from the date signed. It is the responsibility of the SA Cert. licensee to obtain a renewed declaration from the supplier before expiry. Up to date copies must be held on file and copies provided at annual inspection, for office records.

*Genetically modified organisms defined in Article 2(2) of Directive 90/220/EEC and in Appendix 6 of the Soil Association standards for organic farming and production. A declaration that the product is free from GMOs as defined in Directive 90/220/EEC alone is not sufficient.

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