Declaration of Compliance with the Codex Alimentarius Austriacus Guideline Concerning the definition of non-GMO production and the appropriate labeling of food products[1]

Producer / Supplier:

Name: _____ Tel/Fax: _____

Street: _____ Email: _____

Postal code/city: _____ Country: _____

We hereby confirm for the following product:

Name of the product: **Article number:**

Component(s)	last organism(s) able to reproduce

Please include the organism(s) last used for the manufacturing process for all components contained in the product. In case of agricultural risk components, please refer to the information on the back of this agreement.

(a) that this (these) product(s) is/are neither a genetically modified organism (GMO) itself, nor does it/do they contain any such organisms,

(b) that this product neither consists of GMOs, nor is it manufactured from or by GMOs. Neither do we have knowledge of 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.

A specification of the exact composition of the above-named product is attached to this agreement.

We shall issue a declaration of change, correction or withdrawal to our customers/buyers as well as to their inspection authority immediately in the case that any deviation from the facts contained in this agreement or the agreements of our suppliers or service providers should occur.

We authorize our customer's/buyer's inspection body / inspection authority or an independent institution named by the inspection authority to verify the validity of our statement and to take samples for analysis if necessary.

The signatory is liable for the accuracy of the statements made in this agreement.

Country/city/date	Signature	Company stamp

[1] pursuant to the Austrian food code/ Codex Alimentarius Austriacus, Edition IV, published pursuant to ordinance GZ: BMGFJ-75210/0014-IV/B/7/2007, dated 6 Dec., 2007 and amendments BMG-75210/0009-II/B/13/2010,dated 9 Sept., 2010 and BMG-75210/0020-II/B/13/2012 dated 21 Dec., 2012

The Codex Alimentarius Austriacus Guideline Concerning the Definition of Non-GMO Production and the Appropriate Labeling of Food Products

regulates provisions concerning food products which, through labeling, packaging, advertising or official documentation, create the impression that the food product is free from GMOs (genetically modified organisms) or from products made from or with GMOs. The guideline covers claims such as “made without genetic engineering”, “made without genetically modified ingredients”, “GMO-free”, “non-GMO”, “non-GM”, “not genetically modified” “non-genetically engineered ingredients”, as well as “not fed with genetically modified feeds” or similar claims.

Definition of terms

a) “genetically modified organism (GMO)”: means a “genetically modified organism” or “GMO”, an organism genetically modified within the meaning of 2(2) of Directive 2001/18/EC, with the exception of organisms in which a genetic modification has been effected using one of the methods included in Annex 1B of Directive 2001/18/EC;

b) “GMO derivative”: any substance produced from or by a GMO that does not itself contain a GMO;

c) “made with genetic engineering”: made with the use of a GMO as last living organism in the production process, but not consisting of or containing GMOs, nor a GMO derivative.

Agricultural risk components - soy, corn, canola, sugar beet and by-products thereof

For all products/cultures above mentioned a contractual compliance agreement with the Codex Alimentarius Austriacus Guideline concerning the definition of non-GMO production and the appropriate labeling of food products is not sufficient. For these components an appropriate control and monitoring system is necessary. You will get more detailed information from the responsible certification body.

A declaration of compliance with the Codex Alimentarius Austriacus guideline concerning the definition of non-GMO production and the appropriate labeling of food products is required for the following products:

1. **The following agricultural components pursuant to Annex V of Regulation (EU) N° 2021/1165:**
   lecithin (E322)
   extracts with high concentrations of tocopherol (E306)
   vegetable oils (only when used as a lubricant, as an anti-caking agent or to prevent foaming)

2. **Agricultural raw materials of the 2nd generation e.g.**
   modified starch made from genetically modified corn,
   mono/diglycerides made from modified amino acids of genetically modified soy,
   flavorings (for complex flavoring mixtures, compliance agreements are required for the individual components)

Pursuant to Regulations (EC) 1830/2003 and 1829/2003, ***no*** labeling requirement apply to the above-named items, therefore a declaration of compliance is required to ensure non-GMO status.

3. **Components that can be manufactured using genetically modified microorganisms, e.g.**
   citric acid
   vitamins: B2, B12, C
   glutamate
   aspartame
   xanthan gum
   enzymes
   etc.

Pursuant to EC Regulations 1830/2003 and 1829/2003, ***no*** labeling requirement apply to the above-named items, therefore a compliance agreement is required to ensure non-GMO status.

4. **Flavours**

If there is any input of microbiological and/or enzymatical methods on extraction processes a declaration of compliance to the prohibition of genetically modified organisms on these methods has to be added (carrier substances and technical additives remain out of consideration).