**Soil Association standards non-GM declaration**

Genetically modified organisms (GMOs) and their derivatives are prohibited by regulations that govern organic production in the UK and EU. This declaration form is to establish that ingredients, additives, and processing aids for organic foods are not GMOs or produced from, or by GMOs.

Before completing the declaration read the guidance and complete Option 1 or Option 2 as applicable.

In addition to signing the declaration, you will need to supply additional information to demonstrate how it has been established that your product is not GMO, produced from GMO or produced by GMO. Depending on the GM risk of your product, the required information will change. Please find your product in the tables below and complete the one that relates to you, making sure you send this form with the requested information.

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| This form should be completed **by the company producing the additive, ingredient or processing aid.** | | | | | | | |
| Forename and surname | |  | Position |  | | | |
| Company name and address and email address | |  | | | | | |
| Name of product | |  | | | | | |
| Product supplied to (please detail licence number, if known) | | |  | | | | |
| Signature |  | | | | Date |  | |
| I have completed this form electronically and confirm I agree with the declaration below | | | | | | |  |

**Option 1 – High GM risk Additives or Ingredients**

The items in the table below have a high risk of being produced from, or by GMOs. If your product is in this table, please read the guidance, complete the declaration above and below and provide supporting information.

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| **Additives/ingredients** | **Additives/ingredients** | **Processing aids** |
| Enzymes | E331 Sodium citrate | Enzymes |
| Micro-organisms | E 333 Calcium citrates | Micro-organisms |
| E 270 Lactic acid | E 334 Tartaric acid (L(+)-) | Ethanol |
| E 296 Malic acid | E 335 Sodium tartrate | Casein |
| E 300 Ascorbic acid | E 336 Potassium tartrate | Vegetable oils |
| E301 Sodium ascorbate | E 415 Xanthan gum |  |
| E 306 Tocopherol (vitamin E) | E 422 Glycerol |  |
| E 322 Lecithins (not required for sunflower lecithin) | E464 HPMC |  |
| E325 Sodium lactate | Vitamins except thiamine |  |
| E 330 Citric acid | Non-organic sugars and starches and oils |  |
| E 440 (a) Pectin |  |  |

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| **I confirm that this product appears in Table 1 above** |  |
| I have provided a full product data sheet |  |
| I have provided information which demonstrates how it has been established that all components of the product are not GMOs, or produced from, or by GMOs (See Guidance) |  |

**Option 2 – Standardised Additives / Processing aids**

The items below may be standardised with ingredients that are a GM risk - e.g. maize flour, dextrose. If your product is in this table, please read the guidance and complete the declaration on page 1 and below.

To confirm that the material is pure, provide a product specification.

If the product has been standardised, provide confirmation of how the supplier has made sure that this is not GMO, or produced from, or by GMOs.

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| **Additives** | **Processing aids** |
| E 406 Agar |  |
| E 407 Carrageenan | Rice meal |

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| **I confirm that this product appears in Table 2 above** |  |
| This product is pure and has not been standardized |  |
| This product has been standardized with or contains |  |
| I have provided a product data sheet from the supplier confirming that the standardizing material is not a GMO, or produced from, or by GMOs |  |

**Guidance**

1. **This declaration will expire 12 months from the date signed**. SA licensees must ensure an in-date copy is available for Soil Association inspections.
2. **Supporting information must be dated within 12 months of sending** to SA Certification. If older than 12 months SA licensees must check with the supplier that the statement is still valid and provide evidence of this to SA Certification.
3. Organic regulation 834/2007 (Art. 9) prohibits the use of GMOs and products produced from or by GMOs.
4. ‘Produced from GMOs’ means derived in whole or in part from GMOs but not containing or consisting of GMOs;
5. ‘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;
6. For ingredients which have been made, or modified, by microbial action or enzymatic action, the micro-organisms used in the fermentation, or which produced the enzymes, must not have been genetically modified.
7. A declaration that the product does not require labelling under regulation 1829/2003 is not sufficient as that regulation allows products produced by GMOs
8. Natural flavourings are subject to a separate declaration.
9. We will examine all product data sheets and supporting information. **Information that we may accept includes**, where appropriate:

* Detailed process descriptions that cover all source materials.
* Written confirmation from the supplier of the raw material, that the raw material is a plant that is not a GM risk crop, which are soya, maize, cotton, oil seed rape/canola, sugar beet, sugar cane.
* If the raw material is a GM risk crop, confirmation from the supplier that the raw material has been sourced from a country where there is no commercial growing of these GM crops.
* Confirmation from the manufacturer of any micro-organisms that they have not been genetically modified and that micro-organisms used to produce enzymes have not been genetically modified
* Confirmation that ingredients are produced from materials certified as ‘identity preserved’ (IP) (we need to see copies of certificates relevant to the product).
* Equivalent declaration from suppliers of ingredients. For example, a policy which covers use of GMOs or a product specification confirming the ingredients have all not been genetically modified,
* Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing results. The frequency of testing and the tolerance limit must be specified. Copies of analysis certificates relevant to the product must be submitted with the declaration. If you are providing PCR testing alone (not as part of an IP certification), the tests need to be done to 0.1% GM.