**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 the risk ingredient can be approved, we will require all of the following:**

1. **Completion of the declaration in TABLE 1.**
2. **Completion of TABLE 2 or TABLE 3 depending on the ingredient.**
3. **Supporting documents that confirm the information required, as per TABLE 2**

**OR**

**Confirmation that previously submitted supporting information remains valid.**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**This declaration will expire 12 months from the date signed**. SA licensees must ensure an in-date copy is available for Soil Association inspections.

**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 ensure the supplier indicates this in TABLE 2

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| **TABLE 1 – Declaration** | | | | | | | |
| This form can be completed **by the either the manufacturer or the company selling 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 | | | | | | |  |

In addition to signing the declaration above, you will need to supply **additional supporting information** to demonstrate that the ingredient is not a GMO, produced from a GMO or produced by GMO. The supporting information required is listed in **TABLE 2** or **TABLE 3**.

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| **TABLE 2 – High GM risk Additives, Ingredients or Processing Aids** | | | | |
| The items in this table are at a high risk of being produced from or by GMOs. If your product is in this table, complete the declaration below and provide the requested supporting information. | | | | |
| **I confirm that this product appears in TABLE 2 below** | | |  | |
| have provided the additional information requested in the ‘Supporting Information’ column. | | |  | |
| **OR** | | |  | |
| Previously submitted supporting information remains valid. | | |  | |
| **Additives/ingredients** | **Supporting Information required** | | | |
| E270 Lactic acid | * A statement stating whether the ingredient is produced synthetically or by fermentation. * If made by fermentation, confirmation that the ingredient is not produced by a GM micro-organism (A statement that the micro-organisms are not produced from GMOs is acceptable) | | | |
| E296 Malic acid |
| E300 Ascorbic acid |
| E330 Citric acid |
| E334 Tartaric acid (L(+)-) |
| E415 Xanthan gum |
| E301 Sodium ascorbate |
| E335 Sodium tartrate |
| E325 Sodium lactate |
| E333 Calcium citrates |
| E331 Sodium citrate |
| E336 Potassium tartrate |
| E418 Gellan Gum |
| Vitamins (except thiamine) |
| Enzymes | Confirmation that the enzyme is not produced by a GM micro-organism (A statement that the micro-organism is not produced from GMOs is acceptable) | | | |
| Micro-organisms | Confirmation that the micro-organism is non-GM (A statement that the micro-organisms are not produced from GMOs is acceptable) | | | |
| E306 Tocopherol (vitamin E) | Source crop and source country of vegetable from which the ingredient is derived (See guidance note 7) | | | |
| E440(a) Pectin | * Confirmation that the pectin is non-amidated. * Confirmation that the pectin is not standardised OR If standardised with non-organic ingredients, source crop and source country of the standardising material. (See guidance note 7.) | | | |
| E464 HPMC | * Confirmation of source crop that the cellulose is derived from. * If derived from wood pulp, no further information needed. If derived from cotton, source country required. (See guidance note 7). | | | |
| E400 Alginic Acid | * A statement which describes if the ingredient is derived from seaweed or bacteria. * If made by bacteria, confirmation that it is not produced by a GM micro-organism (A statement that the micro-organisms are not produced from GMOs is acceptable) * If made from seaweed, Confirmation that it is not standardised OR if standardised with non-organic ingredients, source crop and source country of the standardising material (See guidance note 7). | | | |
| E402 Potassium alginate |
| E401 Sodium alginate |
| Non-organic sugars, starches, gums and oils | If a derogation has been granted for the use of non-organic versions of these ingredients, confirmation that they have not been derived from or by GMOs. (Please refer to guidance note 6) | | | |
| **Processing Aids** | **Supporting Information** | | | |
| Enzymes | Confirmation that the enzyme is not produced by a GM micro-organism | | | |
| Micro-organisms | Confirmation that the micro-organism is not GM. | | | |
| Ethanol | If made by fermentation using yeast, confirmation that it is not produced by GM yeast | | | |
| Casein | Product specification only | | | |
| **TABLE 3 – Standardised Additives / Processing aids** | | | | |
| The items below are at risk of being standardised with GM ingredients - e.g. maize flour, dextrose. If your product is in this table, please complete the table below. | | | | |
| **I confirm that this ingredient appears in TABLE 3 below** | | | |  |
| This product is pure and has not been standardised | | | |  |
| **OR** | | | |  |
| This product has been standardised 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 | | | |  |
| **Additives** | | **Processing Aids** | | |
| E406 Agar | | Rice Meal | | |
| E407 Carrageenan | |

**Additional guidance**

1. Organic regulation 834/2007 (Art. 9) prohibits the use of GMOs and products produced from or by GMOs.
2. ‘Produced from GMOs’ means derived in whole or in part from GMOs but not containing or consisting of GMOs;
3. ‘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;
4. A declaration that the product does not require labelling under regulation 1829/2003 is not sufficient as that regulation allows products produced by GMOs
5. Natural flavourings are subject to a separate declaration.
6. As of January 2022, sugars, starches, oils, and gums (apart from E418 Gellan Gum) must be organic. In exceptional circumstances a derogation may be granted from Defra for use of the non-organic versions. This will require confirmation of non-GM status.
7. For high GM risk source crops from high GM risk countries, further evidence is required. We accept two GM testing systems:

* Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing results: Tests must be to to 0.1% precision (Unless done as part of IP certification)
* IP Certification.

1. ‘Valid IT protocol’ and ‘Non-GMO Project’ certification are **not** accepted as supporting information for Soil Association higher non-GM standards.