

## GMO DECLARATION

According to the NOP Rule, 7 CFR 205.101(e) and 205.301(f)(1), in order for a product to be sold as "100% organic," "organic," or "made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s))," the product must be produced and handled without the use of excluded methods (genetically modified organisms). In order for non-organic products to be used as ingredients or processing aids in organic products, the non-organic products must also meet this NOP requirement.

1. Where non-organic **agricultural** products are used as ingredients or processing aids in organic and made with organic (ingredients/food groups) products, the original organism that produced the product must not be genetically modified. **Please note that option #1 below is the only acceptable response for agricultural products.** For example, for unbleached soy lecithin, the soy plants must not be from genetically modified stock.
2. Where **non-agricultural** products are used as ingredients or processing aids in organic and made with organic (ingredients/food groups) products, the product must be free from modified DNA and/or the proteins from genetically modified DNA.
3. Note, if microorganisms or other processing aids are used to produce the product listed below, the microorganisms or other processing aids must not be genetically modified. For example, in citric acid, the microorganisms used to produce the citric acid must not be genetically modified. All options below are acceptable responses for non-agricultural products.

**Product Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Declaration:**

**TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, (check one)**

- 1. The above product was not derived from or produced using genetically modified organisms (GMOs) or their derivatives, and all reasonable steps have been taken to avoid contamination from GMOs or their derivatives. This has been verified by the following measures:** (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Traceability/Identity Preservation systems                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (e.g., production techniques, types of raw materials and processing aids used) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent Audit  | Explain: _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Equivalent declaration from previous suppliers or ingredient suppliers |   |

- 2. The above product was not derived from a genetically modified microorganism. The exact status of the raw materials (i.e., substrates) used to produce the product cannot be determined due to possible intermixing of genetically modified and non-genetically modified varieties at the source. However, the end product does not contain modified DNA and/or the proteins derived from genetically modified DNA. This has been verified by the following measures:** (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Traceability/Identity Preservation systems                             | <input type="checkbox"/> PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) Testing  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent Audit  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (e.g., production techniques, types of raw materials and processing aids used) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Equivalent declaration from previous suppliers or ingredient suppliers | Explain _____   |

- 3. The above product may or may not have been derived from genetically modified raw materials but was not produced using genetically modified processing aids. Further, the end product does not contain modified DNA and/or the proteins derived from genetically modified DNA. This has been verified by the following measures:** (check all that apply)

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traceability/Identity Preservation systems                             | <input type="checkbox"/> PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) Testing  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent Audit  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (e.g., production techniques, types of raw materials and processing aids used) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Equivalent declaration from previous suppliers or ingredient suppliers | Explain _____   |

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

