

Position on the Use of Genetic Modification Techniques

Introduction

The use of genetic modification (GM) techniques may offer benefits that can contribute to more sustainable bioscience solutions and food products. Whilst the prudent use of GM techniques is safe, we recognize that the use of such techniques in the food chain is subject to public debate and consumer concern.

Chr. Hansen continuously engages in dialogue with its customers to ensure that our products meet their global requirements.

Scope

This global position applies to all **food ingredient products** placed on the market by Chr. Hansen.

Statement

Chr. Hansen ensures full transparency

- Within Chr. Hansen GM techniques are only used in production of certain enzymes and Human Milk Oligosaccharides (HMOs) and in basic research work. As a standard for our global products and raw materials we strive to be always in compliance with EU regulation on GM techniques and labeling, as we believe the EU regulation currently is the strictest in the field.
- The raw materials that are used by Chr. Hansen for manufacturing are in compliance with applicable local regulations, as are our products. None of our products require labeling in the markets in which they are sold.
- We always provide our customers with relevant information about our products and manufacturing processes, and Chr. Hansen is continuously monitoring the regulatory development in the GM technique area.

Exemptions

Exemptions from this global position only occur for customized products in direct collaboration and in full transparency with our customers.

Management

All vendors and raw materials must be approved in accordance with the Chr. Hansen internal procedures. The approval includes assessment of the validity of the GM documentation of the raw materials.

We audit all critical vendors.
