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GM Status of ADM Corn Sweetener Products

The European Union has enacted legislation requiring the labeling of food products delivered to the final consumer that are produced from genetically modified (GM) corn when the genetically modified DNA or protein is present or when the application of transgenic corn reveals the product is no longer equivalent to an existing food or food ingredient. At present time, this legislation pertains to food ingredients and not to food additives, flavorings or colors.

The Australia New Zealand Food Authority (ANZFA) has also enacted regulations concerning foods produced using genetically modified material. The regulations make it illegal to sell foods which are derived from GM material that has not been approved by ANZFA. With respect to GM material that has been approved, regulations require labeling of foods which are not substantially equivalent to conventional foods. Currently, the regulations do not cover food additives, including vitamins and minerals, and processing aids.

Sweeteners made from corn, including high fructose corn syrups, corn syrups, dextrose, maltodextrins and crystalline fructose are made by hydrolysis of the starch fraction of the corn. Archer Daniels Midland Company's (ADM) policy is to procure its raw material corn from internationally approved crop sources. Last year's U.S. growing season saw a minority portion of the corn crop consisting of GM varieties. Because of our large scale, these sources could not be segregated from one another. Consequently, our products derived from corn may or may not arise from GM derived raw materials. However, starch hydrolysates have been tested and it has been commonly accepted that GM DNA is not present in this product stream from corn.

The European Commission has been directed to generate a "negative list" of foods that are highly processed and will not require labeling, however, these details have not yet been supplied. In the absence of these details, the major European trade association, Confederation des Industries Agro-Alimentaires de l'UE (CIAA) recommends that starch hydrolysates (e.g. maltodextrin, corn syrup, dextrose, high fructose corn syrup, etc.) from transgenic corn need not be labeled.

ADM recognizes the importance of this issue to your business. We want to assure you that we will continue to provide assistance to help identify the correct labeling of ADM products, where possible.

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