

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

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Genetically Modified Organisms

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the gelatin manufactured by Tessengerlo Group NV division PB Leiner in Vilvoorde (Belgium), PB Gelatins GmbH in Nienburg (Germany), PB Gelatins UK Ltd in Treforest (United Kingdom), PB Gelatins Heilongjiang Co., Ltd. in Nehe city (P.R. China), PB Leiner in Santa Fe (Argentina), PB Brasil Industriae E Comercio de Gelatinas Ltda in Acorizal (Brazil) and PB Leiner in Davenport (USA), does not consist of, does not contain and is not derived from Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs).

All raw materials used for the production of gelatine, derive from animals, which have been certified fit for human consumption, after ante and post mortem inspection, by officially authorised veterinarians and comply with the individual national food regulations.

Genetically modified materials (GMO), as defined by the European directive 2001/18/EC Gelatine,
- are not used for the production of gelatine by the companies mentioned above
- are not concerned by the provisions on the deliberate release into the environment of GMOs specified in the same directive.

For this reason, regulation 1830/2003 on the traceability and labelling of GMOs and the traceability of products derived thereof and regulation 1829/2003 on genetically modified food and feed does not apply to gelatine.

The feeding of animals is under the control of the national authorities. There is no reported risk associated with GMO products consumed by animals and therefore no subsequent risk from gelatine derived from this raw material source. Furthermore, GMO products are degraded rapidly in the gastro-intestinal tract of animals, resulting in a loss of integrity (University of Milan, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine).

USA public law S.764 (2016) subtitle E, Sec. 293 (b) (2) (A) prohibits a food derived from an animal to be considered a bioengineered food solely because the animals consumed feed produced from, containing or consisting of bioengineered substance.

<https://www.congress.gov/114/plaws/publ216/PLAW-114publ216.pdf>

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