

Chr Hansen position on the use of genetic techniques

In Chr. Hansen we see genetic techniques as tools that can be used to improve the quality of food and health for people all over the world.

In Chr. Hansen genetic techniques can be used to analyze and improve microorganisms, to learn about their function in our products, to optimize product performance relative to customer demands and to develop improved and environmentally friendly production methods.

We recognize that acceptance of genetic techniques is subject to public debates in some countries and the acceptance of such technology by our customers depends on its acceptance by the end consumers. Therefore, in addition to adhering to all rules and regulations governing the use of genetic techniques, we are committed to provide our customers with relevant information about our products and manufacturing processes to enable correct GM labeling of final food products.

It is the position of Chr. Hansen not to source GM labeled materials (according to EU Regulation 1829-1830/2003) to be used in the manufacturing of our products. In some of our non-European manufacturing sites, such GM labeled materials might be used. In these cases, such use will be mentioned in the product(s) related statement(s).

A statement on genetically modified organisms (GMOs) and GM labeled raw materials has been made for specific products and will be supplied upon request. For Viniflora® malolactic cultures the statement is enclosed with this letter.

GMO statement concerning Viniflora® malolactic cultures

According to the legislation in the European Union genetic modification occurs if certain techniques have been used*. The same legislation also defines techniques, which will not result in genetic modification. In accordance with this legislation we can state that

Viniflora® malolactic cultures do not contain GMOs and do not contain GM labeled raw materials**.

GM labeling information concerning Viniflora® malolactic cultures

Legislation in the European Union states that a final food product must be labeled if it is a GMO itself, if it contains GMOs, or if it contains ingredients derived from GMOs**.

In accordance with European legislation on labeling of final food products we can inform that

The use of Viniflora® malolactic cultures does not trigger a GM labeling of the final food product

* Directive 2001/18/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 March 2001 on the deliberate release into the environment of genetically modified organisms and repealing Council Directive 90/220/EEC.

** Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2003 on genetically modified food and feed.
Regulation (EC) No 1830/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2003 concerning the traceability and labeling of genetically modified organisms and the traceability of food and feed products produced from genetically modified organisms and amending Directive 2001/18/EC.

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