

Policy title : Genetically Modified Policy

1: Purpose

The Company is committed to the production of soft drinks that do not use genetically modified raw materials or derivatives in our finished products or as part of the manufacturing process.

We hereby confirm that the Company's products do not contain or consist of GMOs and the labelling is in compliance with Article 13(1) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of 22 September 2003 on genetically modified food and feed.

2: Scope

This policy covers all ingredients and products used on the Company's sites in the manufacture of soft drinks, from goods receipt through storage, segregation and usage.

3: Definitions

A '**genetically modified organism (GMO)**' is an organism in which the genetic material has been altered in a way that does not occur naturally by mating and/or natural recombination (as defined in EC Directive 2001/18/EC on deliberate release into the environment of GMO's). Genetic modification can occur through recombinant nucleic acid techniques, techniques involving the direct introduction to an organism of heritable material prepared outside the organism, or cell fusion or hybridisation techniques. Techniques not considered to result in modification include in vitro fertilisation, natural processes such as conjugation, transduction, transformation and polyploidy induction, provided that they do not involve the use of recombinant nucleic acid molecules.

Using techniques of modern biotechnology, or gene technology, the genetic make-up of living cells and organisms can be modified. This allows man to breed plants and animals which can, for example, have a higher yield or resist disease

4: Procedure

Raw Materials Risk Assessment - The raw material/ingredient review is an intrinsic part of our raw material approval and alternate vendor approval process. All suppliers are required to provide detailed information on the content of raw materials supplied and their compliance with non GM composition, any changes in the GM status of an ingredient must be notified. Our supplier audit program includes GM control methods.

Furthermore when developing new products or amending existing products we will actively seek to ensure that any potential materials/ingredients being considered are non GMO.

5: Supporting Documents

Directive 2001/18/EC on the deliberate release of GMOs into the environment

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32001L0018>

Regulation (EC) 1829/2003 on genetically modified food and feed

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX:32003R1829>

Regulation (EC) 1830/2003 concerning the traceability and labelling of genetically modified organisms and the traceability of food and feed products produced from genetically modified organisms

http://europa.eu/legislation_summaries/consumers/product_labelling_and_packaging/l21170_en.htm

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