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Origin of World Ethanol Products

The World Ethanol fermentation alcohol is produced by Archer Daniels Midland (ADM).

On October 18, 2003, the European Parliament and the Council of European Union published new regulations concerning genetically modified organisms in the Official Journal of the European Union. These are (i) Regulation (EC) 1829/2003 on genetically modified (GM) food and feed; and (ii) Regulation (EC) 1830/2003 concerning the traceability and labeling of genetically modified organisms and the traceability of food and feed produced from genetically modified organisms. The regulations entered into force November 7, 2003, and began to apply in April 2004.

Whereas the previous legislation only applied to food, the new regulations now cover both GM human food and GM animal feed products, although other categories of products are excluded. Under the new regulations, the basic principle of labeling has also changed. Under previous legislation, food products produced from GM organisms but no longer containing GM protein or GM DNA did not require labeling. Under the new regulations, all foods and feed produced from GM organisms, irrespective of whether there is GM protein or GM DNA in the final product will have to be labeled. Furthermore, the new regulations introduce the traceability of GM organisms. The labeling and traceability rules do not apply to traces of GM organisms in food and feed no higher than 0.9% of EU approved GM source material and no higher than 0.5% of GM source material that has received a favorable opinion from the Community Scientific Committee before application of the regulations, provided that these traces are adventitious or technically unavoidable.

Regulation (EC) 1829/2003 also clarifies the scope of products that are subject to the regulation. The Regulation is meant to cover food and feed produced from GM organisms but not food and feed produced with a GM organism. According to this Regulation, food and feed that are manufactured with the help of a genetically modified processing aid are not within the scope of the Regulation. The determining criterion is whether or not material derived directly from the GM source is present in the food or feed.

In the case of our fermentation-produced ethanol, this product is produced with the use of a non-GM yeast organism using a starch fraction of cereal grains, including corn. Any GM protein and GM DNA are removed and are not present in the final ethanol product. Archer Daniels Midland Company's (ADM) policy is to procure its raw material corn from crop sources that have received international regulatory approval (including regulatory approval by the United States and Europe). This policy is communicated to ADM's suppliers and is included in ADM's contracts to purchase corn for delivery to ADM's processing facilities.

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 regulatory requirements that apply to ADM products.

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