



THE HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP
FOOD DERIVED FROM GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS STATEMENT
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At The Hain Celestial Group, Inc., (“Hain Celestial”), a leading organic and natural products company with a mission to provide consumers with “A Healthier Way of Life™,” 99% of our food products are made from non-genetically modified ingredients. A genetically modified organism (“GMO”) or genetically engineered (“GE”) organism is any organism that received a new trait or characteristics by the use of recombinant DNA (rDNA) techniques, gene splicing or transgenic technology. Hain Celestial supports the principle of transparency and that consumers have the right-to-know about the use of GMOs in the foods that they buy. Hain Celestial’s support for consumers’ right-to-know is aligned with our commitment to provide consumers with transparent and accurate product labels to help them make informed purchasing decisions. We believe greater food labeling transparency leads to increased consumer trust.

We recognize that a number of leading scientific bodies and regulatory agencies have not definitively concluded that GE crops and foods benefit or hinder human or environmental health, however, given growing consumer concerns and differing labeling approaches across geographies, we endorse mandatory labeling of food products containing GMOs in accordance with international standards. Over 64 countries around the world require labeling of GMO foods, including 28 nations in the European Union, Japan, Australia, Brazil, Russia and China. The United States has no federal laws requiring labeling of GMO foods. Accordingly, we are actively engaged in open dialogue with our stakeholders and support initiatives by various advocacy groups and ballot petitions and measures that establish clear and appropriate parameters for compliance, communication and enforcement of labeling food products containing GMOs.

Since there are currently no federal government regulations that quantify the levels of GMOs or that require the labeling of foods containing GMOs in the United States, Hain Celestial has participated in the The Non-GMO Project (“NGP”), a non-profit organization committed to preserving and building sources of non-GMO products, educating consumers and providing verified non-GMO choices, since 2010. The products that we have enrolled and verified meet the industry standard set by the NGP and use a third party verification process. The threshold levels set by the standard are similar to the European standard used to classify a product as non-GMO. As of the Fall 2015, over 600 Hain Celestial products from various brands including *Celestial Seasonings®* tea, *Garden of Eatin®* chips, *Earth’s Best®* baby, toddler and kids foods, *WestSoy®* plant-based beverage and meat alternative products, *Arrowhead Mills®* baking products, *Spectrum®* oils, *Dream®* plant-based beverages and frozen desserts, *Imagine®* soups, *Terra®* chips, *BluePrint®* juice beverages, *Bearitos®* snacks, *Westbrae®* vegetarian products, *DeBoles®* pasta, *MaraNatha®* nut butters and *Yves Veggie Cuisine®* meat alternative products have been verified as non-GMO and participate in the NGP. Most NGP verified products that Hain Celestial manufactures and distributes carry a NGP seal on package labels in order to help consumers identify products and make a consistent non-GMO choice when selecting natural and organic products.

Additionally, as of June 30, 2015 over 2,400 Hain Celestial products worldwide have been certified organic and do not contain GMOs in accordance with the USDA’s National Organic Program (NOP) and European Union organic farming standards, each of which prohibit the intentional use of GMOs in organic products.