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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Royal Avebe Policy in Starch Potato Agriculture & Starch Potato Processing

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Risk of GM starch potato contamination is absent.

This paper aims to clarify Royal Avebe's policy for starch potato agriculture. Of relevance in this respect are:

- **Seed potato production and Directive 2002/56/EC (marketing of seed potatoes)**
- **Starch potato agriculture and Directive 2001/18/EC (deliberate release into the environment of GMO)**
- **Starch potato & potato starch processing and Regulation (EC) no. 1829/2003/EC (on GM food and feed)**

Seed potato production and Directive 2002/56/EC

Starch potato agriculture starts with the clonal multiplication of tubers which is a process at specialized farms. In a well-controlled and independently supervised process the certified and variety pure seed potatoes are produced in specific geographical areas suitable for such multiplication. During development of new starch potato varieties all cultivars are kept strictly separate because of the high standards imposed on variety registration and supply of seed potatoes to growers. For seed potato production today's legal standards are very strict, sufficient and able to produce high quality and variety pure seed potatoes. Governmental standards do not permit any admixture of deviant plants (other varieties and sick plants). Seed potato production of starch varieties in Europe is in accordance with Directive 2002/56/EC

Starch Potato agriculture and Directive 2001/18/EC

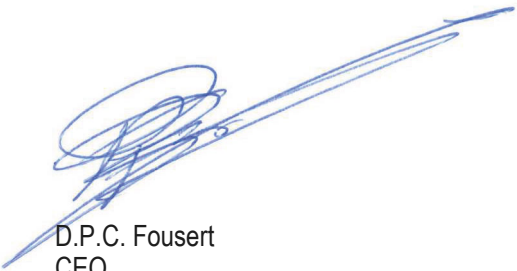
In the European Community approval for release into the environment of a GM crop has to be in accordance with Directive 2001/18. Today no such approval for growing commercially any GM potato is in place in the European Community.

Starch potato & potato starch processing and Regulation (EC) no. 1829/2003/EC

In absence of EU approval for any GM (starch) potato no GM (starch) potatoes are present in Avebe potato sourcing areas. Avebe potato starches are non-GMO following the definitions in Regulation (EC) no 1829/2003 on GMO and GM food and feed.

Conclusion

Royal Avebe concludes a GM starch potato contamination risk as absent. Non-GM potato identity is preserved and guaranteed by current agricultural practise in potato breeding and Governmental standards. Consequently, a certified IP (identity preserved) system is superfluous and is therefore not implemented by Avebe.



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