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PLZ Corp: National Bioengineered Food Disclosure Standard

On December 21, 2018, the USDA released a rule establishing the new mandatory National Bioengineered Food Disclosure Standard (NBFDS). The NBFDS requires regulated entities such as food manufacturers, importers, and certain retailers who label food for retail sale to disclose bioengineered (BE) food and BE food ingredients.

PLZ Corp is working with all its suppliers to ensure proper documentation is received and that our customers receive the information needed to comply with the NBFDS. To that end, all ingredients have been identified, including canola, corn, and soybean. In addition, testing and validation protocols have been defined and performed by many of our major suppliers.

Please be advised that the supplier documentation verify that the canola and soybean oils, canola-based and soy-based flavors, and lecithin have been purified through a multi-step refining process, making the modified genetic material undetectable. Therefore, the finished food product(s) sold retail that contains these ingredients do NOT require disclosure under NBFDS. Any items not sold in a retail environment are also exempt from disclosure under NBFDS.

Our suppliers for corn-based ingredients, such as coating starch and modified food starch, cannot conclude that these ingredients are processed to a level that will make the modified genetic material undetectable as defined in 7 CFR 66.9(b). However, the standard also excludes foods not offered for retail sale. None of our corn-based products are sold retail and therefore are exempt from BE labeling.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charlene Ruwwe', is placed over a light gray rectangular background.

Charlene Ruwwe
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