



Regulatory Affairs and Standards

RE: Soybean Lecithin Allergenicity & GMO/Bioengineered Status

To Whom It May Concern:

Although soybean lecithin is a processed material, it may still contain trace levels of soy proteins, including soy allergens. As such, soybean lecithin is not allergen-free, and all products manufactured with it must declare "soy" as an allergen on the label.

Similarly, unless stated as PCR negative, soy lecithin from conventional soybeans is a "bioengineered" (i.e., GMO) food ingredient under the USDA National Bioengineered Food Disclosure Standard, as it may contain detectable levels of modified genetic material. For this reason, bioengineered (BE) disclosure labeling has been added to all Bunge products that contain conventional soy lecithin and may be sold in a U.S. retail environment. More broadly, BE disclosure labeling is advised for any U.S. retail food product that contains soy lecithin from conventional soybeans.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jayd Kittelson".

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