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**Re: Non-GMO Statement**

Thank you for your inquiry concerning the use of genetically modified or genetically engineered (GMO) ingredients. First and foremost, there are no GMO grain\*, grain products\*, pulse, or pulse products for sale or in commercial production in the United States currently, as per United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). (\*excluding corn)

Safety is a core value at Ardent Mills. As such, ingredients are chosen to meet food safety and quality commitments to ensure our products meet both customer and consumer expectations. The varieties of grains and pulses used have been developed using traditional breeding methods and have not been genetically modified using recombinant DNA technology.

Ardent Mills' products have not been knowingly or intentionally produced with genetic engineering and have not been knowingly or intentionally co-mingled with food that may have been produced with genetic engineering. Products may have been cross contaminated in de minimus amounts by soybeans, corn, or other grain products that may be produced with genetic engineering. This would include EU non-approved GM traits that have been communicated in writing to Ardent Mills. Ardent Mills operates under Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) and Food Safety & HACCP plans. Even operating under Good Manufacturing Practices and Food Safety & HACCP plans, it is not possible to prevent the adventitious presence of de minimus amounts of crops that are derived from GM crops. The ingredients contained in our enrichment and other components added, by request, to our wheat, barley, and rye flours do not contain measurable genetically modified materials.

Reference to EU regulations based on the European Commission as provided for in Regulation No. 1829/2003 and 1830/2003: Raw materials used in the production of food products do not contain or consist of GMOs and they are not produced from GMOs. The raw materials can be traced back to its origin. Adventitious and unavoidable GM cross contact or contamination is not exceeding the limit of 0.9%.

Organic foods by definition cannot contain GMO components, and are tracked and tested for labeling accuracy. Ardent Mills' conventional offerings use ingredients purchased from reliable non-GMO sources. No guarantees concerning GMO presence are made. In all cases, food safety our topmost concern.

Sincerely,

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