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Re: Supplier Review Process

Ardent Mills has a supplier review process that reviews the food safety assessment, hazard analysis, and related factors as part of our supplier approval process. We have included key requirements noted in FSMA.

Through the combined efforts of both Ardent Mills and our suppliers, we can review, assess and in many cases mitigate food safety risks, reduce quality incidents, and ensure that all brands are protected. Our Supplier and External Manufacturer Management Process, or SEM Process, allows us to verify our suppliers and external manufacturers can provide safe and healthy finished products and ingredients. The current scope of the SEM Process is human, and animal food finished products, ingredients, food contact packaging, and food contact processing aids.

Required elements for our Food Safety program include the following primary areas: Food Safety and Quality Management System; Management of Change; Control of Documents and Records; Supplier/External Manufacturer Qualification; Facility Security and Product Defense; Employee Training; Environmental Monitoring/Pathogen Testing; Foreign Material Control; Personal Hygiene; Allergen Control; Pest Control; Manufacturing Records; Rework, Reprocessing, Reconditioning, and Waste Management; Calibrations; Maintenance; Cleaning and Sanitation; Product Traceability and Labeling; Receiving, Storage, and Shipping. Foreign Supplier Verification Program (FSVP) is also part of this review for applicable suppliers.

Documentation collected from suppliers to include:

Product description; Technical data specification, including physical, chemical/analytical, and microbiological standards and tolerance, along with testing procedure references, if applicable; Packaging information; Recommended storage and shipping conditions and storage limits; Ingredient declaration, including approximate percentage composition of ingredient(s) in descending order; Allergen information; Country of Origin of all components; Manufacturing location; Foreign Supplier Verification Program (FSVP), Third party audits to include GFSI, ISO, and industry specific certifications (if third party audit is not available or approved, then Ardent Mills Specific Questionnaire is to be completed).

The overall material risk is a score that considers the inherent risk of the material, any Ardent Mills mitigation steps, and the intended use of the final product.

Sincerely,

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