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ADM CORN SWEETENERS

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Origin of ADM Corn Sweetener Products – Fibersol-2™

The Commission of the European Community has enacted legislation requiring the labeling of foodstuffs delivered to the final consumer or mass caterers that are produced in whole or in part from genetically modified (GM) soybeans or corn. As of the date of this document, this legislation does not require special labeling with respect to such food ingredients: (i) that have an adventitious contamination level of 1% or less (see EC No. 49/2000); or (ii) in which neither the protein nor the DNA resulting from genetic modification is present (see EC No. 49/2000). In addition, foodstuffs containing certain food additives and flavorings in which neither the protein nor DNA resulting from genetic modification is present do not require special labeling (see EC 50/2000). You should be aware that, the European Union has proposed new regulations which would require labeling of any product derived from GM organisms, whether or not there is detectable GM DNA or protein present in the final product. These regulations are not yet in force.

Products made from corn, including Fibersol™, high fructose corn syrups, corn syrups, dextrose, maltodextrins and crystalline fructose are made by hydrolysis of the starch fraction of the corn. Archer Daniels Midland Company's (ADM) policy is to procure its raw material corn from internationally approved crop sources. Because of our large scale, non-GM corn and GM corn cannot be segregated from one another. Consequently, ADM corn products may or may not be produced from GM corn. However, current industry consensus is that any DNA or protein in the raw material stream is denatured, degraded or removed through successive processing steps including physical separation, heating, purification and filtration and most likely cannot be detected in measurable amounts in the sweetener. To this end, we have selected random samples of Fibersol and analyzed for the presence of GM DNA in these samples. The analyses attest to the fact that there was no GM DNA detected.

ADM recognizes the importance of this issue to your business. We want to assure you that we will continue to provide assistance to help identify the correct labeling of ADM products.

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