



Supplier confirmation on the fulfilment of the V-Label criteria

Please note that this document is not intended to be completed for the end product to be licensed, but for the supplied semi-finished products, that make up the end product

Supplier

Company name and address:			
Tel.:		E-mail:	

Information on supplied product

Product name	Supplier product number (e.g. GTIN)	V-Label product number (if issued by the licensor)	vegan (please tick)	vegetarian (please tick)

Components involved in the last production stage of the supplied product (if more than one)*

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*Components are all ingredients (including additives, carriers, flavourings and enzymes), processing aids and carry overs. The complete name must be given, e.g. "corn starch" instead of simply "starch". Machine components and substances that are used for the maintenance and cleaning of the machines are explicitly not considered as processing aids and therefore not subject to this confirmation. This includes tools, safety clothing and other substances and materials that are not directly and exclusively used for the production of the said raw materials.

Confirmation of the supplier

We hereby confirm that the listed product meets the **following criteria for the V-Label according to the ticked categories vegetarian or vegan** and that all components involved in the last production stage of the supplied product are listed.

Place, Date

Signature, Print name

Stamp

Criteria for the V-Label

Definition "vegan"

(1) Products are considered vegan if they are not of animal origin and at no stage of production and processing, has use been made of or has the product been supplemented with

- ingredients or components (including additives, carriers, aromas, fragrances, flavourings, and enzymes) or
- processing aids or
- substances which are not additives but are used in the same way and with the same purpose as processing aids in either processed or unprocessed form that are of animal origin.

This comprises especially but not exclusively:

- No meat or any other slaughter products (e.g. offal)
- No fish or any other marine animals
- No eggs
- No honey
- No milk
- No wax of animals such as wool fat/lanoline, beeswax or shellac
- No fur, no leather, no silk
- No royal jelly
- No colouring agents of animal origin
- No substances which were bleached with animal charcoal
- No substances which were clarified with animal substances such as gelatine or fish bladder
- No substances manufactured, obtained or produced from the above-mentioned substances

Definition "vegetarian"

(2) Products are considered vegetarian if they meet the requirements of paragraph 1 with the difference that in their production, milk, colostrum, eggs, honey, beeswax, propolis or wool grease, including lanolin derived from the wool of living sheep or their components or derivatives may be added or used.

This comprises especially but not exclusively:

- No meat or any other slaughter products, (e.g. offal)
- No fish or any other marine animals
- No eggs from birds reared in cages (including "enriched cages" and small group-housing systems)
- No eggs obtained by killing animals (e.g. caviar)
- No dairy products where animal rennet was used
- No royal jelly
- No colouring agents obtained by killing animals (e.g. real carmine)
- No aromas, fragrances and flavourings of animal origin, except if the substance corresponds to the definition in paragraph 2
- No substances bleached with animal charcoal
- No carrier substances of animal origin, except if the substance corresponds to the definition in paragraph 2
- No substances clarified with animal substances such as gelatine or fish bladder, except if the substance corresponds to the definition in paragraph 2
- No substances manufactured, obtained or produced from the above-mentioned substance

Culture media

The aforementioned vegan and vegetarian definitions refer to all stages of production and processing and thus include the processes of biotechnological production of ingredients or substances. Biotechnological methods are methods in which bacteria, fungi, algae, eukaryotic unicellular organisms and/or cell cultures for the production and/or modification of the ingredients are deliberately added. For example, the last used culture media, fermenter substrates and/or carrier materials in the production of ingredients or substances which are part of the final product must also fulfil the aforementioned criteria for vegan ingredients or substances and vegetarian ingredients or substances respectively.

Guidelines for unintended traces

All stages of production, processing and distribution ought to be designed in a way that there is preferably no unintended presence of non-vegan or non-vegetarian substances. If there are unintended traces of non-vegan or non-vegetarian substances, the producer is obliged to improve all stages of production, processing and distribution. If optimisation is not possible, the producer has to state reasons for this. Contamination with non-vegan or non-vegetarian substances does not automatically result in an exclusion of the „vegan“ or „vegetarian“ V-Label, provided that the producer has made all reasonable arrangements to avoid contaminations.

Definition animal

The V-Label defines animals as multicellular eukaryotic organisms (organisms whose cells have a nucleus enclosed within membranes) that do not derive their metabolic energy from sunlight like plants do, need oxygen to breathe, but are not fungi. This includes all vertebrates and invertebrates.