

## **GMO POLICY**

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## Genetically modified food products and ingredients

Forest Wholefoods is committed to producing safe, high quality products, offering consumers best possible value for money.

Whilst we support the responsible use of modern biotechnology, within the framework of effective regulatory control, we recognise that consumers do have concerns.

We, therefore, purchase only ingredients that have been assured by our suppliers as being free from GM sources or where applicable, certified identity preserved non-GM main ingredients for our products.

New publication of Commission Directive (EU) 2018/350 of 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018 amending directive 2001/18/|EC, concerning the environmental risk assessment (ERA) of GMO's *Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 on Genetically Modified Food and Feed* and *Regulation (EC) no. 1830/2003 Concerning the Traceability and Labelling of Genetically Modified Organisms and the Traceability of Food and Feed Products Produced from Genetically Modified Organisms and Amending Directive 2001/18/EC (and any subsequent amendments) – for any products supplied by Forest Wholefoods* 

We can legitimately state that we will continue to monitor the legislation and conform as is necessary. This will enable us to give assurance of the continuous accuracy of the product authenticity.

Forest Wholefoods will also endeavor to keep customers informed of any potential developments in this area, which may affect the product(s) supplied to them.

## **Specific GMO statement**

Forest Wholefoods Limited wish to assure our customers that any raw materials we purchase and ultimately product produced, are free from Genetically Modified Ingredients (GMO's). The continued issues which arise from genetic modification within the food chain are a cause of concern not only for Forest Wholefoods but the majority of our customers.

At present the scientific community has not provided a definitive answer regarding the effects of widespread GMO usage and until there is wider consensus we have taken the precaution to exclude all ingredients that contain GMO products.

The following regulations are complied with.

- Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003, Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2003 on genetically modified food and feed (Text with EEA relevance)
- Regulation (EC) No 1830/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2003 concerning the traceability and labelling of genetically modified organisms and the traceability of food and feed products produced from genetically modified organisms and amending Directive 2001/18/EC

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