

## Gluten, and GMO-Free Statement

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At Icon Foods, Inc., we are focused on providing our customers with the highest possible quality of all-natural sweeteners. We begin with a firm commitment to non-GMO and gluten-free ingredients, along with environmentally sustainable harvesting and manufacturing practices. Our premises, including plants, warehouses, and distribution facilities, are **GMO-Free**.

**FDA and Gluten Free:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued a proposal (January 23, 2007) on the use of the term "Gluten Free", which is, at this point, voluntary. Per FDA <u>21 CFR 101</u>; to the best of our knowledge, Icon Foods products are Gluten Free with the exception of *CocoSweet*.

**Superior Quality Control:** We have an extensive system in place for ensuring the highest possible standards for quality control of our products. The consumer's health and well-being is our highest priority, and everything we do is managed with that in mind. We employ leading experts in the field of all-natural sweeteners, and we have partnered with the very best fully accredited laboratories to ensure the purity and safety of our facilities and products.

- Highest Quality Ingredients: All of our ingredients are free from genetically modified organisms (GMOs).
- **Strict Quality Control in our Process**: The Icon Foods guarantee is a process claim. It means that GMOs are not permitted in any phase of the growing, processing or manufacturing processes.
- **Prevention of Cross Contamination**: Every effort is made to protect our raw ingredients and finished products from cross-contamination. This is done by strict product segregation, separation, and system dedication.

**Unavoidable Residual Environment Contamination** (UREC) is always a factor in manufacturing. Unfortunately, the food manufacturing industry does not have sufficient data concerning GMO contamination nor do there currently exist government action levels such as those established for GMO or pesticide residue levels. This means that some GMOs may be present that are truly unavoidable. To the best of our knowledge, Icon Foods products are GMO Free.

If you have any questions, please contact Icon Foods Quality Assurance Department at 310-455-9876.

Thank you for your continued support of our products.



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