

## Statement on Ethylene Oxide absence

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Supplier	:	IFF (DuPont Nutrition Biosciences ApS)
Product group	:	Functional Systems
Plant	:	Haderslev, Grindsted, Zaandam
Country of Production	:	Denmark, Netherlands

To whom it may concern,

In response to the RASFF notifications on the findings of residues of ethylene oxide (ETO) in certain lots of raw materials – i.e. sesame seeds, psyllium husk, spices, and lately guar gum imported from India as well as locust bean gum from Turkey, we hereby state that the Functional Systems produced on the above mentioned production sites are free from ETO. This statement is supported by the following:

- ETO treatment is performed to reduce microbiological activity in a product and this treatment is a <u>complex process which requires special equipment</u>.
- We do not use and do not have such ETO treatment equipment installed at any of the above-mentioned production sites.

In addition to this, we can confirm:

- All raw materials, as well as the suppliers, have been subjected to a thorough risk evaluation and based on the outcome of each of the evaluations, individual raw material and supplier actions have been established.
- Our guar gum suppliers have all been subjected to audits within the latest years and none of them have ETO treatment equipment on their premises.
- All suppliers of guar gum have been requested to supply CoA including ETO analysis from an accredited lab for all future shipments.
- We currently perform our own ETO analysis of all incoming batches of guar, at an externally accredited lab. Incoming batches are blocked until an "absent" result is confirmed.
- No trace of ETO has been detected in any of the guar batches tested so far

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- We only use LBG manufactured at our own production site in Valencia and are therefore in full control of the processing of this raw material.
- We do not use and do not have ETO treatment equipment installed at our site in Valencia.
- We have not sourced any LBG or raw materials for LBG from Turkey since August 2020.

In response to any inquiries concerning specific information about our suppliers/on our supplier's information or our internal raw material analysis, we can inform you that it is standard policy and a matter of confidentiality that we do not share details with regards to who our suppliers are and neither do we provide copies of their documentation.

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