

NON-GMO AFFIDAVIT



Input Information	
Input Name	LACTIC ACID, Natural
Manufacturer Name	Auro Chemicals
Manufacturer Address	7 Nicoll Street, Washingtonville, NY 10992

I hereby declare the following:

1. The above-named Input, including the microorganism from which it is sourced, is not a product of Biotechnology, as this term is defined in the Non-GMO Project Standard v15 and further clarified in subsection (i) below; nor has it been subject to any form of Biotechnology, even if a particular GE Technique did not directly cause any change or mutation to, or otherwise help create the Input (i.e., the mere application of a GE Technique to any Input shall cause such Input to be deemed a product of "Biotechnology"). (As used herein, "Input" includes, without limitation, any input, ingredient, or product, and the seed source therefor.)

Definition: **Biotechnology** – the application of:

- a. *in vitro* nucleic acid techniques, including recombinant deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) and the direct injection of nucleic acid into cells or organelles; or
- b. fusion of cells beyond the taxonomic family, that overcame natural physiological, reproductive, or recombination barriers and that are not techniques used in traditional breeding and selection.

More specifically, and for the avoidance of doubt,

- (i) "Biotechnology" includes, as amended by the Project at its sole discretion, synthetic biology, gene drive, and new breeding techniques (NBT), including the following (regardless of whether the resulting products are transgenic or non-transgenic): oligonucleotide-directed mutagenesis (ODM), zinc finger nuclease (ZFN), cisgenesis and intragenesis, agro-infiltration ("sensu stricto" and "floral dip"), RNA interference (RNAi), RNA-dependent DNA methylation (RdDM) and reverse breeding (RB), transcription activator-like effector nucleases (TALEN), meganucleases and clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats (CRISPR)—each a "GE Technique."

2. The following supporting documents are attached (optional):

[Redacted area]

I represent, warrant, and promise that the statements above are true, accurate, complete, and correct, and that such statements are based on knowledge and/or certainty, and not mere hypothesis or opinion. In addition, I understand that the Non-GMO Project and the Technical Administrator (i.e., evaluator) are relying on the truthfulness, accuracy, completeness, and correctness of such statements in evaluating the above-named input/ingredient for compliance with the Standard.

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