

NON-GMO AFFIDAVIT

Input Information	
Input Name	PALMITIC ACID (C-16 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):*

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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