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## Product Declaration – Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO)

Product name: Mazol<sup>®</sup> 300 K

Dear Valued Customer:

This letter is in response to your request for information regarding genetically modified organisms (GMOs) in BASF's Mazol<sup>®</sup> 300 K Glycerol Monooleate.

Our supplier of glycerin has informed us that they may or may not use raw materials derived from GMOs to produce glycerin. To the best of their knowledge, however, during the manufacture of glycerine, their processing conditions would deactivate and destroy any GMOs if present in the raw materials. Furthermore, testing has demonstrated their glycerine is GMO-free. This material is not guaranteed, however, as consisting or deriving from non-genetically modified material based on an implemented identity preservation (IP) system.

Our supplier of oleic acid has informed us their material is a tall oil fatty acid derived oleic acid manufactured from natural raw materials, and has not been genetically modified since their manufacturing process does not include the use of GMOs. The oleic acid may contain cottonseed oil, a processing aid used in the product's manufacture. The cottonseed oil used is not a GMO and is not believed to contain viable GMOs capable of replicating or transferring genetic material. As with the glycerine, however, this oleic acid is not guaranteed as consisting or deriving from non-genetically modified material based on an implemented identity preservation (IP) system.

We currently do not conduct testing to demonstrate traceable identities. The statements contained herein are based on statements of certification provided to BASF by its suppliers.

Should you have any further questions concerning this product, please contact me.

Regards,

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