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Introduction

Legislation in Europe regarding the use of Genetically modified organisms (GMO) has been in force since 2004. As defined in regulation **EC No 1829/2003** and **1830/2003**, no part of a product or ingredient is allowed to originate from GMO as or any other applicable law or regulation. It controls the use of GMO material in the manufacture of foods regardless of whether there is any presence of genetically modified (GM) material in the final product.

The legislation also requires that where appropriate, any products that contain GM material or are produced from a GMO source must be clearly labelled to inform the consumer.

Kavli's position

Kavli is conscious that a majority of consumers do not accept the use of GM ingredients. We continuously take the necessary steps to ensure that no Kavli product requires GMO labelling. We employ specific procedures regarding the specification of ingredients and pose strict requirements on our suppliers to ensure that products are GMO free. Based on our risk assessment, Kavli may request evidence for the absence of GMO substances. When requested, suppliers are required to share information about GMO status with Kavli (Valid-IT or similar).

We are, however, aware that certain traditional crops – primarily soy, maize and rapeseed – and derivatives may contain traces of GMO material due to adventitious or technically unavoidable contamination. The EU GMO legislation recognizes that such traces may be accidentally present in products and delineates the maximum quantity of such traces that does not require GMO labelling.

In the face of a future with climate change and more extreme weather patterns, Kavli recognizes that modern gene technology under safe and controlled forms may play an important role in ensuring future food security and resource-efficient production. We will therefore keep monitoring public attitudes and technological developments in this field.