

EU General Food Law – Traceability Requirements

This statement refers to all products supplied by any of the Ingredion EMEA Companies.

Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 on General Food Law¹ provides the basis for the assurance of a high level of protection of human health and consumers' interest in relation to food safety. Under this Regulation (Art. 18) there is a requirement to apply traceability to food and feed products.

'Traceability' is defined as "the ability to trace and follow a food, feed, food-producing animal or substance intended to be, or expected to be incorporated into a food or a feed, through all stages of production, processing and distribution". The requirement for traceability is limited to ensuring that businesses are at least able to identify the immediate supplier of the product requiring recall and the immediate subsequent recipient (one step back-one step forward). The traceability of food and feed and any other substance (e.g. process aid) intended to be, or expected to be, incorporated into a food or feed must be known at all stages of production, processing and distribution.

To facilitate traceability requirements, each of the Ingredion EMEA Companies can confirm the following:-

- Each Ingredion Company applies traceability, from its raw material supply through product manufacture and to customer delivery, which is recorded in its SAP system. Products are identified via unique identifiers and are therefore traceable within the company's systems. The unique identifiers also allow tracing of raw materials and process records.
- Each Ingredion Company complies with, and its food starches are certified against ISO 9001 and GFSI recognised standards. Traceability is a fundamental part of these standards.
- Each Ingredion Company carries out practice recalls to demonstrate its ability to trace back products in the event of a recall notice.
- The feed materials sold by Ingredion Germany GmbH for animal feed are certified in accordance with the EFISC European Feed safety standard, of which traceability is a feature.
- All raw materials are reviewed against an agreed specification before sourcing. The relevant purchasing group retains detailed lists of all approved suppliers.

We trust this information provides you with assurance that the products supplied by each Ingredion EMEA Company, do meet the requirements of traceability under the requirements of food law.

Please note, the information given in this statement is in relation to products supplied by any of the Ingredion EMEA Companies and is based upon their interpretation of relevant legislation. Although it is offered in good faith, the advice is not legal advice to you. It is therefore necessary that you satisfy yourself of the use and any labelling obligations, in accordance with relevant legislation, for your products as sold to the ultimate consumer. Each of the Ingredion EMEA Companies cannot accept any liability in this regard. The 'Ingredion EMEA Companies' are each of Ingredion UK Limited, Ingredion Germany GmbH, Ingredion Middle East Branch, Ingredion South Africa Pty Limited and Ingredion Holding LLC- Kenya Branch Office. Issued on behalf of each of the Ingredion EMEA Companies by Ingredion UK Limited.

¹ Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2002, laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down matters in food safety, OJ L 31/1, 1.2.2002