

TRANSGENIC STATUS STATEMENTS

a. No transgenic varieties approved for commercial production in the United States.

The following statement is applicable for barley, wheat, sorghum, sunflower seed, dry edible beans, chickpeas, lentils, and peas.

“There are no transgenic (identify agricultural commodity) varieties for sale or in commercial production in the United States at this time.”

b. Some Varieties Approved, but not for Sale or in Commercial Production in The United States.

(1) Mustard Seed

“There are no transgenic Yellow, Brown, or Oriental mustard seed (*Brassica hirta* or *Brassica juncea*) varieties for sale or in commercial production in the United States at this time.”

(2) Flaxseed

“The United States Department of Agriculture has deregulated one variety of herbicide-tolerant flaxseed; but based upon information supplied by the developer, this variety is not for sale or in commercial production in the United States.”

c. Some Varieties Approved for Sale and Currently in Commercial Production in the United States at This Time.

This statement listed below is applicable for soybeans, corn, and canola.

“Transgenic (identify grain) commercially produced in the United States have completed the necessary review under the U.S. regulatory process for determining the safety of new agricultural biotechnology products. This well coordinated regulatory process sets U.S. standards for human, animal and plant health, and environmental safety. The transgenic (identify grain) used for domestic purposes are the same as those used for export.”

MISCELLANEOUS STATEMENTS

a. Roundup Ready Soybeans.

1. “We hereby certify that the soybeans may come from genetically engineered soybeans of the type Monsanto Roundup Ready Soybeans which have been approved for import into the EEC under directive 96/281/EC.”
2. “The soybeans may come from genetically engineered soybeans of the type Monsanto Roundup Ready Soybeans.”

3. “We hereby certify that the soybeans may come from genetically engineered soybeans of the type Monsanto Roundup Ready MON-04032-6 or MON-89788-1, which have been approved for import into the EEC.”
4. “Soybean meal is a processed commodity made from soybeans that may contain genetically engineered soybeans of the type Monsanto Roundup Ready Soybeans which have been approved for import into the EEC under directive 96/281/EC.”

b. StarLink Corn.

“The sample was tested using a method equal to or exceeding the performance of USDA’s GIPSA testing recommendations, as set out in Directive 9181.1.”

c. LibertyLink Rice.

“GIPSA is conducting a LibertyLink Rice Proficiency Program with several private laboratories providing commercial testing services using the 35S-BAR Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) method to detect the presence of LibertyLink rice. GIPSA has verified the performance of this method. Under the proficiency program, GIPSA evaluates participating laboratories’ ability to detect LibertyLink rice. GIPSA lists the laboratories participating in the proficiency program, and their results, at this website: <http://www.gipsa.usda.gov/>”

d. European Union (EU) Protocol for Rice. (see Directive 9181.4)

This statement is limited to shipments that are sampled and tested according to the EU protocol and destined to EU member countries.

“GIPSA officially sampled the lot of rice identified as (*specify lot identification*) and applied seal number (*enter seal number*). (*Enter lab name*), who participates in the LibertyLink® rice proficiency program administered by GIPSA, tested a sample identified with this seal number and did not detect LibertyLink® rice based on the verified 35S:BAR method. The lab report is attached.”

e. Sampling and Testing for LibertyLink Rice for Non-European Countries.

“GIPSA officially sampled the lot of rice loaded aboard the (*carrier identification*) and provided a sealed sample to the applicant. The sample was tested, based on the verified 35S:BAR method, by a laboratory participating in the LibertyLink® rice proficiency program administered by GIPSA. LibertyLink® rice was not detected.”

f. Russian Federation Letter. (see below)



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Dear Mr. Dankvert:

The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) conducts a LibertyLink Rice Proficiency Program with the private laboratories listed below. Under this Program, GIPSA evaluates each participating laboratory's ability to detect LibertyLink rice using the 35S-BAR Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) method. GIPSA has verified the effectiveness of this method for detecting LibertyLink rice.

The participating laboratories provide testing services for commercial shipments of U.S. rice. A sample from each U.S. rice shipment to the Russian Federation will be sent to one of these laboratories for testing for the presence of LibertyLink rice. At the conclusion of testing, the laboratory will issue a report of the test results. GIPSA has notified the U.S. rice industry that a copy of the test results and this letter must accompany each shipment of U.S. rice to the Russian Federation.

The laboratories participating in the Proficiency Program, and testing commercial shipments, are listed below:

1. BioDiagnostics, Inc.
2. California Seed & Plant Lab
3. Eurofins/GeneScan, Inc.
4. Midwest Seed Services
5. OMIC USA, Inc.
6. SGS North America, Inc.

Sincerely,

James E. Link
Administrator