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Product information:

BSE/TSE risk in scoops, PP

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Dear valued customer,

Thank you for your interest in BRAND products. Based on the information provided by our material supplier regarding the raw materials used, we would like to inform you as follows:

“... With respect to the risk of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) or Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy (TSE) transmission, we received from our raw material supplier the following information:

1. The raw materials used in the production of animal-derived additives are categorized in cat 3 according to Regulation (EC) 1069/2009 and its implementing Regulation (EC) 142/2011, or originate from countries considered as BSE-free.
2. The tallow derivatives undergo conditions described as rigorous in Regulation 294/2013/EC Art 1 (1) J (Cfr Annex XIII, Chapter X and XI of Regulation 142/2011/EC). In particular, following requirements are stated in Chapter XI:

The following processes may be used to produce fat derivatives from rendered fats derived from Category 1 and Category 2 material:

1. transesterification or hydrolysis at a temperature of at least 200 °C, under corresponding appropriate pressure, for at least 20 minutes (glycerol, fatty acids and esters);
 2. saponification with NaOH 12M (glycerol and soap):
 1. in a batch process at 95 °C for three hours; or
 2. in a continuous process at 140 °C 2 bars (2 000 hPa) for eight minutes; or
 3. hydrogenation at 160 °C at 12 bars (12 000 hPa) for 20 minutes.
3. BSE has never been found in beef tallow and the World Health Organisation (WHO) stated that tallow does not represent a risk for both human and animal health (OMS/CDS/VPH/95.145).

4. The raw materials used in the production of animal-derived additives undergo during the process a thermal stress that is compliant with the EUP 5.2.8 § 6-4 "Tallow Derivatives" identical to the "Note for Guidance on Minimising the Risk of transmitting Animal Spongiform Encephalopathy Agents via Human and Veterinary Products" usually known as EMEA 410/01 rev.3. It is noteworthy that EUP 5.2.8 §6-4 states: "Such materials (AN: tallow derivatives) manufactured under the conditions at least as rigorous as those given below (AN: prescriptions on chemical process, temperature and pressure as described in paragraph above) shall be considered in compliance for this chapter, irrespective of the geographical origin and the nature of the tissues from which tallow derivatives are derived."

Furthermore, during pelletization then conversion, the polyolefin plastics are exposed to shearing stress and to temperatures ranging from 160°C to 300°C during 20 seconds to a few minutes. These successive steps help to ensure the complete protection of people's health in respect of TSE for plastic materials.

However, the absence of these substances has not been checked by us.

We want to inform you that we cannot exclude that alternative material types will be utilized for production of this specific article in the future. It is not guaranteed that these materials feature equal properties.

BRAND measuring scoops are laboratory articles of general use. The used raw material is not intended to be used for medical, pharmaceutical or healthcare applications and the raw material manufacturer do not support their use for such applications. This product is neither tested nor represented as suitable for medical or pharmaceutical uses by BRAND.

We hope this information is helpful to you. Please feel free to contact us again in case of any queries.

Kind regards

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