

How to fill in the Vendor declaration about compliance with the “ban on the use of genetic engineering” according to Regulation (EU) No 2018/848 (organic farming) in its current version

Genetically modified organisms (GMO) are prohibited in organic farming. Therefore GMOs or their derivatives are excluded in components.

Completeness

In the Declaration of Compliance you need to name all components (100% declaration) the product contains.

Assurance of GMO-free status is given resp. is not relevant

Whether an assurance of GMO-free status of a component is required or not depends on the last reproductive organism of the component concerned.

The last organism capable of reproduction is for example for plant extracts the plant itself. In the case of products of plant origin, the culture in question is decisive: If the last organism capable of reproduction is a plant that is cultivated genetically modified on a large scale (e.g. maize, soya, rape, cotton or potatoes), an assurance is required.

Examples products of plant origin

Components	Assurance exists	Not relevant	Components	Explanation
Maize gluten	x		Maize	Frequently GMO cultivation
Molasses, vinasse	x		Sugar beet	Frequently GMO cultivation
Soy beans	x		Soy beans	Frequently GMO cultivation
Oat flakes		x	Oat	Only rarely GMO cultivation
Enzymatically hydrolysed vegetable products	x			Specific plant / microorganisms producing the enzymes

In the case of acids produced by bacteria, the bacterium must be indicated. For bacteria as a product component, an assurance is required in any case.

Examples bacteria

Components	Assurance exists	Not relevant	Components	Explanation
Saccharomyces cerevisiae (yeast)	x			Respective bacteria strain
Propionic acid	x			Bacteria strain or oil where it derives from
Artificially propagated micro-organisms and their products	x			Respective bacteria strain

If the components are not of plant or animal origin there is no last organism capable of reproduction and no compliance is needed.

Examples components that are not of plant or animal origin

Components	Assurance exists	Not relevant	Components	Explanation
Clinoptilolite		x	-	Rock, not capable of reproduction
Sodium chloride (salt)		x	-	Mineral, not capable of reproduction
Water		x	-	Water, not capable of reproduction

Please be aware that if you tick “Compliance relevant” you ensure that a written compliance is on hand that the components neither contain GMOs nor are produced "from" or "by" GMOs (the terms mentioned in Articles 3 and 11 of Regulation (EU) 2018/848), and that there is no information which could lead to the conclusion that this declaration is false.