

Dear valued customer

General statement on Chloramphenicol or other antibiotics

Due to the recent EU Rapid Alerts related to findings of chloramphenicol, an antibiotic, in some enzymes used for food and feed, we hereby certify that Novozymes food and feed enzyme products are free from Chloramphenicol or other antibiotics.

Novozymes Quality area monitors EU Rapid Alerts as part of our monitoring of the food safety environment and implements actions when relevant. As a consequence of the alerts relating to findings of chloramphenicol in enzymes, Novozymes has implemented a surveillance program to continuously document absence of Chloramphenicol. It is however important to emphasize that:

Novozymes does not use chloramphenicol or other antibiotics in production of our food grade enzymes and Novozymes has not been affected by this contamination.

Other precautions that ensure the quality and safety of Novozymes food and feed grade products includes but are not limited to:

- Novozymes uses extensively characterized non-toxigenic and non-pathogenic production organisms for the production of enzyme products. This includes a check for absence of antibiotic activity. In addition, our enzymes are subjected to a safety evaluation including toxicological programs.
- Novozymes assess and approve our suppliers according to global procedures, including an evaluation of quality, environment and social responsibility. The raw materials for food and feed products are subjected to a documented risk assessment conducted by the quality unit who also establishes raw material specifications which form the basis for receiving inspection.
- Novozymes has based on a risk analysis defined the critical control points in the manufacture of food- and feed enzymes and how these points are controlled (a hazard analysis and critical control points, HACCP, plan).
- Novozymes enzymes for the food industries comply with the recommended purity specifications given by the joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additive (JECFA) and the Food Chemical Codex (FCC) as well as all relevant EU food legislation.

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