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Exemption Statement

The National Bioengineered Food Disclosure Law, passed by Congress in July of 2016, directed USDA to establish this national mandatory standard for disclosing foods that are or may be bioengineered. The Standard defines bioengineered foods as those that contain detectable genetic material that has been modified through certain lab techniques and cannot be created through conventional breeding or found in nature.

The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) developed the <u>List of Bioengineered Foods</u> to identify the crops or foods that are available in a bioengineered form throughout the world and for which regulated entities must maintain records.

According to the National Bioengineered Food Disclosure Standard, if the **first ingredient** is subject to the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA), Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) or Egg Products Inspection Act (EPIA), which include pork, beef, sheep, goat, catfish, chicken, turkey, domesticated birds and egg products, the product would not be subject to the National Bioengineered Food Disclosure Law.

All of Maid Rite Specialty Foods Inc. products produced for your company fall under having the first ingredient either pork, beef, chicken, turkey or a combination there of and thus would not be subject to this standard.

If you would like further information, please feel free to contact me.

Thank You,

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