

Excerpt from the Codex of the Council Regulation concerning the ban on genetically modified organisms
Council Regulation (EC) 834/2007 and 889/2008, currently valid version

Article 2: Definition of terms

- t) the definition of 'Genetically modified organism (GMO)' is that given in Directive 2001/18/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 March 2001 on the deliberate release into the environment of genetically modified organisms and repealing Council Directive 90/220/EEC (5) and which is not obtained through the techniques of genetic modifications listed in Annex I.B of that Directive;
- u) 'Produced from GMOs' means derived in whole or in part from GMOs but not containing or consisting of GMOs;
- v) 'produced by GMOs' means derived by using a GMO as the last living organism in the production process, but not containing or consisting of GMOs nor produced from GMOs;

Article 9: prohibition on the use of GMOs

- (1) GMOs and products produced from or by GMOs shall not be used as food, feed, processing aids, plant protection products, fertilisers, soil conditioners, seeds, vegetative propagating material, micro-organisms and animals in organic production.
- (2) For the purpose of the prohibition referred to in paragraph 1 concerning GMOs or products produced from GMOs for food and feed, operators may rely on the labels accompanying a product or any other accompanying document, affixed or provided pursuant to Directive 2001/18/EC, Regulation (EC) 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and the Council of 22 September 2003 on genetically modified food and feed (1) or Regulation (EC) 1830/2003 concerning the traceability and labelling of genetically modified organisms and the traceability of food and feed products produced from genetically modified organisms.
Operators may assume that no GMOs or products produced from GMOs have been used in the manufacture of purchased food and feed products when the latter are not labelled, or accompanied by a document, pursuant to those Regulations, unless they have obtained other information indicating that labelling of the products in question is not in conformity with those Regulations.
- (3) For the purpose of the prohibition referred to in paragraph 1, with regard to products not being food or feed, or products produced by GMOs, operators using such non-organic products purchased from third parties shall require the vendor to confirm that the products supplied have not been produced from or by GMOs.

Flavour

For products which are marked as „organic“ or similar, according to Council Regulation (EC) 889/2008 Article 27 1. (c) it is only allowed to use substances and products, which are labelled as natural flavouring substances or natural flavouring preparations.