

**GMO**

**→ Sugar**

Dear Sirs

Raw material for the production of sugar from Südzucker is sugar beet. Beet processed by Südzucker is not genetically modified. This is guaranteed by contracts with the beet growers, who are obliged to obtain and cultivate only seed supplied by Südzucker. This seed is produced using conventional breeding and thus excludes genetically modified seed.

Irrespective of that fact, prior to the sugar beet campaign a few hundred samples from the German growing areas are exemplarily analysed for genetically modified proteins using ELISA. Since the introduction of these analyses, all samples were negative.

To summarize, Südzucker assures that neither genetically modified sugar beet seeds are supplied nor genetically modified sugar beet are processed. Thus, we exclude a risk through contamination with genetically modified sugar beet for sugar produced by Südzucker.

We can thus confirm that sugar supplied by Südzucker is not affected by labelling obligations according to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 and 1830/2003.

Best regards

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