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Dear Customer

## **Re: GMO Statement**

We confirm that the vegetable varieties (seeds) currently marketed by Syngenta UK Ltd were developed and produced by using traditional plant breeding. Multiplication methods and genetic engineering technology was not used in developing these particular varieties. These varieties have successfully completed all official registration and market introduction trials.

Multiplications of seed of our varieties takes place using the highest seed production standards under the supervision of the official seeds certification agencies.

The range of vegetable varieties supplied to you were originated and supplied from the Netherlands, our member country within the European Community.

In living organisms, 100% purity does not exist. Seeds are living organisms; therefore, seed lots are never 100% pure. They always contain a small portion of seeds from other origin. The legislation covering seed and commercialisation recognises this and specifies the limits for the presence of such foreign seeds. For our part, we carry out strict quality controls to ensure that we comply with these strict regulations.

Syngenta UK Ltd, like other seed companies, is not able to give an absolute guarantee regarding zero levels of GMO's because in some crops, genetically modified varieties are currently already being grown which means there is always a small chance of cross pollination, however remote.

There is no current legislation or guidelines on certified methods of detection of small amounts of GMO's in seed lots or on acceptable levels thereof.

Syngenta UK Ltd is working with the seed industry and government bodies to establish clear guidelines in this respect.

Yours faithfully,

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