

## **GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS**

Dear Valued Customer,

Calkins & Burke Limited, a supplier of foodstuffs from around the world to a diversified base of international retail and food service markets, prides itself on meeting the evolving environmental and ethical standards of the individual client demands. As interest and education surrounding genetically modified organisms (GMO) continues to grow so do our efforts to meet the needs of our clients.

At this time, only organic products certified to USDA and Canadian organic standards are guaranteed to contain only certified non GMO ingredients. <https://www.usda.gov/media/blog/2013/05/17/organic-101-can-gmos-be-used-organic-products>

The vast majority of the single ingredient items supplied by Calkins & Burke Limited (fresh, frozen and canned seafood and canned fruits and vegetables) are not considered to be GMO. Currently, unless the client has specifically requested products be certified non-GMO, we can only confirm our organic offerings are certified non-GMO.

For any conventional product that contains multiple ingredients formulations such as oils, starches, sweeteners, spices, etc it is not possible to confirm that it meets non-GMO standards. In the future, if individual clients require non-GMO conventional products, partner plants will be sourced that can confirm all ingredients will conform to the required non-GMO certification standards.

Calkins & Burke Limited, as a leader in procuring and delivering foodstuffs around the world, strives to keep abreast of the changing needs of the individual client in regards to GMO and all other environmental and ethical standards. Details for products supplied are available upon request. Additional queries should be addressed to our office at (604) 669-3741.