



Re: GRAS Status – Rice Extract

To Whom it May Concern:

In 1992 when RIBUS was founded, its inventor of technology Mr. Neal A. Hammond determined that the rice bran extract ingredients were generally recognized as safe (GRAS) for human food consumption. Mr. Hammond's conclusion was developed on a self-determination basis. Part of his determination was based upon the consumption of rice bran via brown rice, since antiquity. Scientific data and medical teachings show brown rice to be more nutritious for humans than milled white rice.

A subsequent study was performed by Bob J. Dull, Ph.D., C.N.S., which led him to the same conclusion, that RIBUS' rice bran extract ingredients (Nu-RICE[®] and Nu-BAKE[®]) were GRAS (on a self determination basis). Dr. Dull had the fortunate circumstances to have 8-10 years of information consisting of continual safe consumption of rice extract as a human food ingredient. Applications include bakery, extruded snacks and baby food in US and international markets.

Therefore, RIBUS hereby states that its rice extract ingredients are GRAS (on a self determination basis) and state that they can be used safely in human foods.

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