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RIBUS Statement on Arsenic in Rice

RIBUS is aware of the media attention around arsenic in food and is actively monitoring the situation, participating with industry trade organizations, and ensuring RIBUS ingredients comply with international laws on arsenic levels.

As the leading US-based global rice ingredient supplier (from bran and hulls), we have implemented rigorous testing to ensure we meet our top requirement and priority: food safety for our customers and end-consumers.

RIBUS is:

1. Actively involved with industry (*US Rice Federation, Organic Trade Association, Organic Rice Working Group*) and working cooperatively with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to gain / provide scientific information on the issue of arsenic in foods.
2. Annually testing each product we produce (Nu-BAKE[®], Nu-RICE[®], Nu-FLOW[®], Nu-FLAC[®], Nu-MAG[®], Nu-BIND[®], Nu-SORP[™] Oil, and Nu-SORP[™] Water) to gather data on arsenic levels in addition to conducting standard product analyses (proximate, microbial, heavy metals, and toxins).

While there may be concern by some, RIBUS encourages consumers and processors to:

1. Review the FDA information that states, "Based on the currently available data and scientific literature the FDA does not have an adequate scientific basis to recommend changes by consumers regarding their consumption of rice and rice products."
2. Review the US Rice Federation ["Arsenic Facts"](#) or information on US-Grown Rice.
3. Review the Organic Trade Association information on arsenic in foods.
4. Be advised that all conventional and organic RIBUS ingredients comply with **(EC) No. 1881/2006: Maximum Levels for Certain Contaminants** "as low as reasonably achievable" (ALARA), regarding heavy metals, mycotoxins, melamine, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) among others and with Commission Regulation amendment **(EU) 2023/465** of 03 March, 2023, as regards updated maximum allowable levels of inorganic and total arsenic in certain foods. Since all RIBUS ingredients utilize only the bran and/or hull portion of the rice grain, they do not fall under any of the 'rice' categories identified in (EU) 2023/465. A full list of foodstuffs affected by the amended, lower arsenic limits can be viewed here: [\(EU\) 2023/465](#)
5. Be aware that RIBUS' ingredients are used at very low levels (typically below 1%) in foods and dietary supplements.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact RIBUS at info@ribus.com or our main office at the number below.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen M. Hansen".

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