



Dear IBA

This is a letter from the company who provides the source collagen material for our flagship product Calorad® 2000. We asked them to address the issue of mad cow disease and Calorad® 2000. We know that this issue is in the news and on our customer's and distributor's minds. We want you to feel totally safe in consuming and marketing Calorad® 2000. We know that Calorad® 2000 is safe and that our standards are rigorous but we also wanted you to experience the integrity of the supplier that we work with. We also know that you must satisfy the demands and concerns of your customer, both lay and professional. We are certain that this piece will give you the data you need. Mostly importantly, we are certain that this very definitive article will give you comfort in taking and sharing our fabulous Calorad® 2000.

The EYI Executive TEAM

STATEMENT CONCERNING THE DISCUSSION ON BSE

To: Nutri-Diem Inc.,

Type: Gelita Sol D, O-Bloom Gelatine

1. The hydrolyzed collagen is derived from raw materials which have been subject to both a pre- and postmortem examination. On the basis of these examinations, the meat has been found fit for human consumption.
2. We hereby certify that the gelatine meets all BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy) safety requirements due to the following reasons.
 - a) In the type of raw material used, no infectivity has been ever detected
 - b) No raw material is sourced from Great Britain, Portugal, Northern Ireland and France.
 - c) Pretreatment of raw material with NaOH at a pH of appr. 12.5 for 10 hours.
3. Therefore the product fulfills the safety requirements of the gelatine regulation (1999/724/EC) and is sold freely in Germany.
4. This product does not contain and is not derived from specified risk material as defined by Commission Decision 2000/418/EC

Since the first outbreak of BSE in some European countries, the gelatine industry in general and in particular have, in close cooperation with scientists of national and international health authorities and the relevant government departments, conducted comprehensive tests on gelatine and gelatine hydrolysates with respect to their health safety. As a result of these activities, we can again confirm the following points:

1. For many years now we have not purchased any raw materials of bovine origin from countries with high rates of BSE infection such as the UK, Ireland or Portugal.
2. All raw materials processed by us originate exclusively from healthy slaughtered animals that have been subjected to official veterinary inspection in accordance with national meat inspection laws and subsequently approved for human consumption.
3. In the tests performed on the raw material hide split - the middle layer of the animal hide - used for processing, no infectiousness could be identified. There is thus no possibility of BSE pathogens from this material entering the manufacturing process.
4. In accordance with Directive 2000/418/EG regulating the removal of specific risk material (SRM), neither bovine skull bone or spinal cord is contained in the bone raw material used in the manufacturing process. This is specifically and separately confirmed before the raw material in question is released for processing.
5. In addition, in the unlikely event of BSE pathogens being able to infect the raw materials, the manufacturing process incorporates steps that, according to current scientific knowledge, would destroy all such pathogens.

Our strictly controlled raw material selection process and the high degree of reliability and safety of the production processes involved correspond to the stringent provisions and regulations currently in force. Thus, according to current scientific knowledge, there is absolutely no health risk attached to our gelatine or gelatine hydrolysates

Herewith we declare that our Gelita-Sol D is solely made from cattle hide splits, which means the products does not contain any of the following bovine tissues or liquids: • Brain • Spinal Cord • Eyes • Intestine from pylours to rectum • Lymphatic ganglions • Spleen • Tonsils • Epiphysis • Placenta • Cephalo-rachidlan liquid • Pituitary gland • Suprarenal glands • Thymus.

Sincerely yours,

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