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**Eurofins IP TRUST certification programme
for Non GMO supply chains**





Ensuring free-from GMO food and feed supply chains

After more than two decades of GMO cultivation worldwide, GMO and non-GMO crop events co-exist in our food and feed supply chains with increasing frequency, making cross-contamination a real issue. Food and feed imports from GMO-growing countries are on the increase, making it more important than ever for non-GMO producers to ensure that supply chains are GMO free – from the seeds to finished products – and fully compliant with applicable legislation. Ultimately, producers must satisfy consumers’ growing demand for more transparency about the food they eat.

Eurofins’ IP TRUST programme aims to ensure the non-GMO identity of products, demonstrate best practices, and enable the co-existence of GM and non-GM supply chains. The standard combines our advanced analytical capabilities with our expertise in auditing and certification to provide a framework that enables stakeholders to guarantee the integrity of supply chains. Reviewed and updated in collaboration with Eurofins GeneScan, a leading global expert in bio-molecular testing for GMOs, in response to changing global regulations and the increasing prevalence of GMO crop events, the rebranded Eurofins IP TRUST programme ensures that products and supply chains are truly GMO-free.

Eurofins Food Assurance and Eurofins Genescan are part of the Eurofins Group, a world leader in testing, inspection, and certification (TIC) services across industries including food, consumer products, healthcare and cosmetics, and many more. With a network of 900 laboratories and sites across 50 countries, Eurofins’ focus is on innovation, technological leadership, and customer service.

About Eurofins IP TRUST

Eurofins IP TRUST programme provides a management system and requirements for handling, growing and processing for non-GMO supply chains or sites to ensure the IP integrity of their production. It is applicable to all types of organisations or sites worldwide, regardless of size, location, or complexity, that are involved in the production or processing of IP agricultural products, feed and foodstuffs.

The updated IP TRUST standard is based on EU regulations and is also applicable to other destination markets where legislation is different to but less stringent than EU regulations. It is both broadened in scope and strengthened in its requirements. Compliance with the standard requires stakeholders to have effective pre-requisite programmes in place, including segregation of non-GMO raw materials and products and cleaning/flushing measures.

Organisations should also undertake comprehensive GMO risk assessments, updated on a regular basis, and implement effective traceability systems. These should be combined with a sampling strategy and risk assessment-based testing programme reviewed by Eurofins’ GeneScan laboratory experts. A risk-based suppliers’ approval and monitoring programme should also be in place.

The IP TRUST certification is issued upon satisfactory completion of the certification audit, with third-party audits required annually. Specific audit checklists have been designed for each actor in the supply chain: farmers, manufacturers, brokers, storage and transport providers.

Two certification programmes are available:



Eurofins IP TRUST Site for single sites anywhere within the supply chain.



Eurofins IP TRUST Supply Chain, which applies to multiple sites across the whole supply chain from seed to final product.



Eurofins IP TRUST Version 6 – what's new ?

The latest iteration of the Eurofins IP TRUST standard takes account of changes in the global GMO landscape, including new legislation and testing methods, and streamlines the requirements on quality management systems to better focus on industry best practices. Its scope has been expanded to include food from animal and non-animal origin, food, pet food, and feed, and several requirements have been tightened to better safeguard against cross-contamination.

- The annual audit strengthens the risk assessment process and places greater focus on contamination control measures and traceability within the supply chain. This includes the introduction of a traceability challenge during the audit process.
- Measures to ensure authenticity include a label compliance check for claims of IP status.
- Segregation requirements have been tightened, and new requirements for packaging materials have been introduced to further safeguard the co-existence of GM and non-GM products and reduce the risks of cross-contamination.
- Testing and sampling requirements have been made more stringent, benchmarked by Eurofins GeneScan. Validation of testing plans is now required as a pre-requisite for audits to ensure these meet the certification programme requirements and will deliver accurate, targeted profiles of raw materials, semi-finished, and finished products. Our experts can review and validate the adequacy and robustness of testing strategies.
- The overall audit process has been streamlined with the introduction of tailored audit durations depending on the stakeholder/site, fast issuance of certification, and simplification of the documentary and management responsibilities.



Unique combination of analytical and certification expertise



Worldwide network of laboratories and auditors



Legal compliance



Streamlined processes



Broad scope of application from food, to feed and pet food



Fast turn-around time

Increased transparency with the Compliant Traceability Statement



The Compliant Traceability Statement is an add-on to the certification process that Eurofins can provide to IP TRUST-certified customers only. Based on a documentary review, the Compliant Traceability Statement can be issued for a specific batch of raw materials to promote its integrity to buyers. The IP TRUST customer provides the lot number and all the necessary documents to demonstrate that the batch falls within the scope of the customer's IP TRUST certification, and Eurofins will release the statement for the batch, providing additional reassurance to buyers purchasing these lots.

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