

January 12, 2023

Oak Chips, Inc. (OCI)
9329 State Route 220
Waverly, Ohio 45690

Attention: E. Todd Nathan

Reference: Non-GMO Status of Toasted Oak Chips
CTL Project No. 12310086COL

Dear Mr. Nathan:

This letter refers to research confirming the non-genetically modified organism (non-GMO) status of the toasted oak chips manufactured by Oak Chips, Inc. (OCI)

According to the European Environment Agency's web site (glossary.eea.europa.eu/EEAGlossary) a genetically modified organism is "The modification of the genetic characteristics of a microorganism, plant or animal by inserting a modified gene or gene from another variety or species. Genetically modified organisms (GMOs) may be microorganisms designed for use as biopesticides or seeds that have been altered genetically to give a plant better disease resistance or growth".

You have indicated that the oak trees that serve as the source of your product are 150 to 300 years old. Since the technology required for the modification of the genetic characteristics by gene insertion in plants is no more than 25 years old, it is not possible for these trees to be genetically modified organisms.

It is my conclusion that the toasted oak chips manufactured by Oak Chips, Inc. (OCI) are non-GMO.

Thank you for using the services of CTL Engineering, Inc. Should you have any questions or if we may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully submitted,

CTL ENGINEERING, INC.

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Johnny Tjioe, Chemist

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Reference: Evaluation of Toasted Oak Chips
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Dear Mr. Nathan:

This letter refers to evaluation of toasted oak chips manufactured by Oak Chips, Inc. (OCI) as you know, CTL Engineering has performed analyses of your oak chips since 1984.

A Safety Data Sheet (SDS) is not required for the wood chips. Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations states, in section 1910.1200.6.b.v, that “[The preparation of SDS] does not apply toarticles.” Section 1941.1200.6.c defines an article as “a manufactured item other than a fluid or particle: (i) which is formed to a specific shape or design during manufacture; (ii) which has end use function(s) dependent in whole or in part upon its shape or design during end use; and (iii) which under normal conditions of use does not release more than very small quantities, e.g., minute or trace amounts of a hazardous chemical... and does not pose a physical hazard or health risk to employees.” Analysis of the wood chips indicates that under normal conditions of use, the wood chips will not release more than very small quantities of a hazardous chemical. The only other hazard that may be present with the wood chips is the risk of the wood catching on fire.

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