

January 2, 2024

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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