

STATEMENT ON NATURAL

To Whom It May Concern

GNT is one of the leading global manufacturers of plant-based and sustainable coloring ingredients and has in place adequate quality controls for all raw materials and ingredients.

Processing of primary agricultural raw material for the EXBERRY® and Nutrifood® product ranges, from development and raw material sourcing up to production and sales, is covered by GFSI compliant certifications at the highest level.

GNT is committed to take all necessary actions to ensure the quality and authenticity of our products.

It is important to note that there is a lack of a precise and universally accepted global definition for the term "natural". This can lead to varying interpretations and understanding of what constitutes a "natural" food product. As a result, it often requires a case-by-case evaluation based on existing national provisions.

In general, GNT believes that EXBERRY® products can be reasonably understood as "natural" based on the following key aspects and benefits of EXBERRY® products:

- Only using raw materials that are plant-based such as fruits, vegetables, edible plants, algae
- No GMO source materials
- Minimal and/or traditional processing (using only physical, enzymatic and/or microbiological processing)
- No use of chemical reaction processing to intentionally modify pigments that do not occur in nature (e.g. copper chlorophyllin, aluminium lakes such as carmine)
- No use of synthetic colors
- No use of nanotechnology, irradiation, ionization
- If formulating agents are used, they are carefully selected and declared on GNT's product specification.

Please refer to the GNT raw material certificate and process flow chart for detailed information on each specific EXBERRY® product.

While the term "natural" may lack a strict global legal definition, GNT believes that EXBERRY® products represent the principles and values commonly associated with natural food. GNT remains dedicated to upholding the highest standards of quality, transparency, and sustainability in the creation of EXBERRY® products, with the goal of providing consumers with choices that align with their preferences for natural and wholesome foods.

These principles demonstrate that EXBERRY® products align with consumer expectations for natural products. Indeed, EXBERRY® offers one of the most natural solutions for imparting color to food and beverages. Moreover, in accordance with the key aspects and benefits of EXBERRY® products, it should be deemed appropriate to make claims such as "ingredients sourced from natural origins" or "exclusively sourced from natural ingredients", however appropriate local regulations or guidelines need to be considered.

Disclaimer

This statement is intended to provide business-to-business information. It should not be construed as legal advice for front-of-pack claims on consumer products. The information provided and its use must be checked for compliance under the appropriate local regulations. There is currently no harmonized legal framework with a definition of "natural". Any communication to end consumers must be done according to the appropriate local regulations or guidelines. GNT reserves the right to revise this statement.

If you have any further questions in this respect, please contact your local GNT office.

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