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United Arab Emirates: Requirements for processed foods labelled as GMO-free

Attention	Industries	Export Establishments Industry bodies – AMIC, MLA, AusMeat, APL, Dairy Australia, AECL, Seafood industry, AFGC, ACMF, ADMA Licensed exporters Approved Islamic Organisations
	Department of Agriculture	Central and Regional offices ATMs and FOMs OPVs and Meat inspection staff
Other		State Regulatory Authorities
Affected Markets		United Arab Emirates (UAE)
Further information		Please contact exports@agriculture.gov.au if you have any queries.

The Department of Agriculture (the department) provides the following advice about labelling claims made on processed food free of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO) exported to the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

The department understands that it is a UAE requirement for foods labelled as 'GMO-free' (or similar term) to be accompanied by a statement from an Australian government agency in support of this claim.

Under the *Export Control Act 1982*, the department does not regulate the use of GMO in processed foods. Therefore, the department is currently unable to provide certification to support such labelling claims. Exporters intending to ship processed food to the UAE should consider the potential impact a 'GMO-free' or similar labelling claim may have on their market access.

Exporters should work closely with their UAE importers to determine importing country requirements and ascertain what documentation may be accepted by UAE authorities in relation to GMO-free labelling claims.

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