



## GMO Statement

We the members of the Certified Organic Association of BC, representing a significant and growing sector of the agriculture industry in British Columbia, hereby declare zero tolerance for contamination of our soil, water, seed, livestock feed, and food supply with genetically modified organisms (GMOs). We also reject Agriculture Canada's proposal for low level presence and we reiterate that zero means zero.

The COABC demands that labeling be mandated at the federal level in Canada to indicate the use or possible presence of GMO ingredients in foods meant for human or livestock consumption.

The COABC demands that the BC Government and its related ministries (Agriculture, Health, Environment, Forestry, Fisheries) require GMO seed providers to submit an annual report listing the number of locations per municipality, the types of GMO crops and test plots in production, the acreage cultivated and tonnage harvested. This report is to be made public promptly.

The use of genetically engineered organisms or their products are prohibited in any form or at any stage in organic production, processing or handling. For organic farmers, handlers, processors and retailers, GM contamination is utterly unacceptable as it puts our entire food system at risk.

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**Good for You, Good for the Environment**