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FOOD GRADE & HEALTH CERTIFICATE

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to confirm that Yakima Chief Hops, Inc. (YCH) hop products are primarily used as ingredients to provide bitterness and hop character to beer and are not harmful to health.

More specifically, we hereby certify that referenced products:

- Conform to EU and US Food Safety Legislation/Regulations in force. Specifically, EC Directive 396/2005 regarding residual pesticides, heavy metals content, radioactivity; and any amending legislation and are generally recognized as safe (GRAS) in accordance with US FDA regulation 21.
- Confirm that our products comply with the Japanese Food Sanitation Act and align with the [safety guidelines](#) issued by the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare.
- Conform to EC Directive 178/2002 regarding Food Safety and Traceability. Conform to EC Directive 1907/2006 (REACH).
- Conform to EC Directive 852/2004 The hygiene of foodstuffs and 1019/2008 Amending Annex II.
- Conform to Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/915 on maximum levels for certain contaminants in food.
- Are free from flavorings, synthetic or artificial additives or methods as defined in EC Directives 1334/2008, 1333/2008, and EU 231/2012.
- Are GMO-free and conform to all existing Legislation/Regulations of the US, EU, and other countries in force. More specifically, they are considered NOT genetically modified or NOT derived from a genetically modified organism as defined by the EC Directives 1829/2003 on the genetically modified food & feed and 1830/2003 on labeling and traceability, and any amending legislation.
- Are allergenic-free and conform to related EU and US Legislation in force. More specifically, they do not contain any of the allergenic components reported under European Food Information to Consumers Regulation No 1169/2011 (FIC).
- Conform to Customs Tariff Codes 1210 2010 and 1302 1300 respectively.
- No gluten products are intentionally added to the processing of YCH hop products and hop extracts.
- No nanomaterials or nanotechnologies are used in the production and processing of hop products.
- All packaging materials conform to the EC/EU Directives 1935/2004, 2023/2006, 282/2008, 10/2011 and subsequent amendments.
- Are free of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) and Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy (TSE).

Furthermore, YCH hop products are considered natural ingredients produced from healthy hops grown on land free of animals and/or sewage sludge, without any detrimental damages and quarantine diseases, and manufactured without the use of ionizing radiation, synthetic or artificial additives or methods.

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