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Product: FloraFIT® and HOWARU® Probiotics

Dear Valued Customer,

Vegan and vegetarian statuses are not consistently defined by current legislation, and individual customers have different interpretations of these terms. Due to the lack of specified global requirements for the categorization of culture products as vegan or vegetarian, we are providing relevant information for your decision-making process.

Many definitions of vegan and vegetation terms depend on the use of animal derived ingredients and/or animal testing. In the interest of transparency, the following information is provided based on the available documentation DuPont has on the raw materials and finished products.

Animal Derived Ingredients

While we attempt to source materials that do not contain animal derived ingredients, we do not have complete assurance from our suppliers that the starting materials for micronutrients are not sourced from animals. We also do not have assurance that enzymes used in the manufacture of raw materials have not been manufactured with animals derived ingredients. These enzymes are expected to be removed through the purification process (filtration, decolorization, and/or deionization) during the manufacturing of the raw material prior to use by DuPont.

The bacteria strain itself may be isolated from human, porcine, dairy, plant, or unknown sources. The laboratory techniques of isolation and propagation of cultures do not allow for carry-over of the original components from which the strains originated.

These products do not contain ingredients of animal origin as directly added raw materials.

Animal Testing

It is DuPont's policy to conduct appropriate testing, including *in vitro* and animal testing, to ensure the safety of our products for our employees, customers, the public, and the environment, as well as meet regulatory standards worldwide. DuPont adheres to its policy that research in animals must be used only when necessary and is committed to alternative procedures that replace whole animals (e.g. *in vitro* models) or enhance the appropriateness of the animal model. We evaluate new products on a case by case basis. If existing safety data can be applied to new products, no additional animal testing is conducted. Animal testing may be conducted on individual bacteria strains used in the finished product during development.

All animal trials performed at the direction of DuPont comply with applicable legal and ethical standards with respect to the humane treatment of the animals. These products have not been tested on animals at the direction of DuPont in the scope of cosmetics and/or household products, nor are they routinely tested on animals for release by DuPont.

DuPont can only fully evaluate the animal testing trials done under our control. We do not have a requirement of our raw material suppliers to commit to providing us with only animal-testing free ingredients, and we cannot assert that our customers are not performing animal trials for their products that utilize our materials. At this time, DuPont maintains the possibility of performing safety trials on animals in the future, when deemed necessary.

This information is given in respect of DuPont's policy of openness and transparency with its customers.

Sincerely,

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