

# Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) Statement

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The Company is a manufacturer of biologically derived natural ingredients for nutraceutical and personal care markets.

Raw materials sourced from primary processors around New Zealand are converted into specialised nutritional ingredients at the company's purpose built, export licensed manufacturing facilities located in New Zealand.

Our manufacturing facilities and proprietary processes meet FDA, USDA and EU regulatory requirements. The Company has ISO9001:2015 certification and adheres to the principles of HACCP through our Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) audited risk management programme.

## **New Zealand has never had a case of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE).**

BSE has never been reported in New Zealand, and an active surveillance programme for this disease has been in operation since 1990.

The World Health Organisation for animal health (OIE) has classified New Zealand as a "negligible BSE risk" country, which is the best classification a country can be given.

## **Origin of Raw Materials**

All bovine and ovine derived products manufactured by the Company are from cattle of New Zealand origin that have passed ante mortem and post mortem inspection by an independent veterinarian on behalf of MPI. This is stated on the health certificates signed by New Zealand Government representatives that accompany every shipment.

*More information on New Zealand's BSE free status, including official statements, TSE Surveillance information and ruminant feeding regulations can be found on the MPI New Zealand Website <http://www.mpi.govt.nz/protection-and-response/finding-and-reporting-pests-and-diseases/surveillance-programmes/>*

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