



## Pesticide Statement

At Totally Natural Solutions (TNS), as part of VACCP/TACCP and HACCP program, we regularly review the impact of changes in legalisation and regulations impacting our products. We consult with industry experts from DEFRA, Camden BRI, UKAS Accredited Testing laboratories e.g. LGC, BBPA – Industry association, our suppliers, and customers to understand how the reduction and elimination of contaminant residues can be achieved and how this will be demonstrated.

As part of this review, we assessed the impact of the updates and how best to manage the supply chain from raw materials suppliers to our processing and packing of the product.

At TNS we use approved suppliers, who hold Red Tractor (UK), GLOBALGAP, LEAF Marque, OHSAS (Horticulture) and similar schemes which encouraging good agricultural practices in managing, handling, and applying pesticides. We require our suppliers to actively review the pesticides currently in use, looking at alternative and sustainable control methods.

At TNS, we support our suppliers and growers to look at Integrated Pest Management (IPM) strategies in conjunction with alternative control measures to avoid excessive pesticide usage.

In the case of, the updated revised contaminant levels specified in Regulation 396/2005, we have been proactively working with our hop suppliers, to eliminate the use of these pesticides. A number of our suppliers have never used these pesticides, and most have been working over the last couple of years to eliminate the use of them. Working in conjunction with our approved suppliers we can provide evidence of MRL testing compliance and we have also drilled down as far as understanding the growers spray strategies and records and their work to reduce soil residue contamination.

By managing the raw material we receive from our suppliers, we have not had to make any changes to our existing production processes to align with the updated regulatory requirements.

The testing of our raw materials is performed and documented by the supplier. Only product that meets the new contaminant levels enters our supply chain.

  
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