

## POSITION ON GM PRODUCTS

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The use of ingredients from genetically modified plants (for instance corn, soya) in food is not accepted by consumers in many countries, despite the lack of scientific data proving that such ingredients are unsafe and the fact that many countries have developed strict regulations for granting authorisations.

Danone's priority is to respect consumers' choices and it has therefore adopted the global position of not using ingredients from genetically modified plants in its products. This policy of exclusion means that Danone guarantees the conventional origin of the raw materials it uses. For this reason, Danone requires its suppliers to certify that they respect this position and carries out analyses and audits to ensure that this is the case.

These measures are not applied in countries such as the USA, where public concern on the subject remains limited and large-scale agricultural production of GM crops makes it difficult to obtain supplies of conventional products.

Danone carries out scientific monitoring of the safety of GM products authorised and/or sold, so as to remain up-to-date. At present, no elements have been identified to suggest a risk for consumer health.