



GRAS Status – Rice Concentrate

To Whom It May Concern:

In 2007 RIBUS commercially introduced a new ingredient into the market place with the label declaration of “Rice Concentrate” (it may also be labeled as Rice Hulls or Rice Fiber). This ingredient went through a process of review and was deemed to be GRAS on a self-determination basis.

RIBUS commissioned a four member Ph. D scientific panel to review the GRAS opinion and they concurred with Mr. Hammond’s conclusion. The rice concentrate is GRAS (via self - determination) for consumption by humans or livestock (food – bakery, beverages, confection, prepared foods, etc. / feed, dietary supplements, personal care and skin care).

To further elaborate on the product, it was originally introduced as “Certified Organic” and later expanded to the status of Natural (for companies that did not desire organic ingredients). The product is 100% rice hulls. The hulls are steam sterilized for microbial control, followed by particle size reduction and packaging. Nothing is added and nothing is taken away. The product is produced in a food grade facility and Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP’s) are followed.

Currently we have customers across North America and Europe using the Rice Concentrate ingredients. Should you have any further questions or need additional information, please let us know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Neal Hammond". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Neal" being more prominent.

Neal Hammond
Technical Manager