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## RIBUS STATEMENT ON ARSENIC IN RICE

RIBUS is aware of the media attention around arsenic in food and is actively monitoring the situation, participating with industry trade organizations and ensuring RIBUS ingredients comply with international laws on arsenic levels.

As the leading US-based global rice ingredient supplier (from bran and hulls), we have put in place rigorous testing because our top requirement and priority is food safety for our customers and end consumers.

RIBUS is:

1. Actively involved with industry (*US Rice Federation, Organic Trade Association, Organic Rice Working Group*) and working cooperatively with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to gain / provide scientific information on the issue of arsenic in foods.
2. Annually testing each product we produce (Nu-BAKE<sup>®</sup>, Nu-RICE<sup>®</sup>, Nu-FLOW<sup>®</sup>, Nu-FLAC<sup>®</sup> and Nu-MAG<sup>™</sup>) to gather data on arsenic levels in addition to conducting standard product analyses (proximate, microbial, heavy metals and toxins).

While there may be concern by some, RIBUS encourages consumers and processors to be aware that RIBUS' ingredients are used at very low levels (typically below 1%) in foods and dietary supplements. We would also suggest review of the following:

1. FDA's Arsenic in Rice and Rice Products Risk Assessment [Report](#)
2. US Rice Federation [Arsenic Facts](#) or information on [US Rice Federation](#)
3. Organic Trade Association information on [arsenic](#) in foods.

Should you have any additional questions or concerns do not hesitate to reach out to our team.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Karen M. Hansen".

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