## NATIONAL SUGAR MARKETING

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## **Natural Sugar**

National Sugar Marketing (NSM) provides products manufactured from plant origins. The sucrose, commonly referred to as table sugar, is obtained by crystallizing sugar cane or beet juice that is clarified and evaporated. Sugar produced from sugar beets or sugar cane is of the same pure, and naturally occurring basic carbohydrate found widely in the plant world, in the roots and stems of grasses, in root vegetables, and the sap of many trees.

Products provided are of high purity and conform to the sucrose monograph in the Food Chemicals Codex. Our sugar is also listed as GRAS (General Recognized as Safe) in 21CFR 184.1854. Current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMP), as described by the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, are implemented and followed. Sugar products are considered ready-to-eat products.

To date, the US Food and Drug Administration has not engaged in rulemaking to establish a formal definition for the term "natural" by stating: "FDA has not developed a definition for use of the term natural or its derivatives. However, the agency has not objected to the use of the term if the food does not contain added color, artificial flavors, or synthetic substances." (FDA website: FDA Basics Questions).

According to the FDA statement and to the best of our knowledge, NSM products are considered natural and are not processed with and do not contain the following additives or ingredients:

- Artificial Flavors
- Added Colors including FD&C No. 3 (Red #3)
- Brominated Vegetable Oil
- Ethylene Oxide (EtO)
- Ionizing Radiation
- Partially Hydrogenated Oils (Phos)

- Potassium Bromate
- Propylparaben
- Solvents
- Synthetic Substances
- Substances on Prohibited List for the World Anti-Doping International Standard for 2023

Additionally, no sewage sludge is applied in the cultivation of sugar beets or sugarcane.

No Bisphenol A (BPA), Diisononyl phthalate (DINP), or Bis(2-Ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP) are used in the packaging material or in the manufacturing process.

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