

Quality Assurance- Materials imported from China 6/11/07

Rainbow Light uses both domestic and imported ingredients throughout our product line. We have almost 90 products which include thousands of different ingredients imported from all over the world, including Thailand, Belgium, Germany, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Eastern Europe and China, as some herbs are only available from certain growing regions. Regardless of where it comes from the important issue here is that each individual ingredient is scrupulously screened for a wide range of quality parameters ranging from environmental and microbiological contamination to potency and texture. Most of the herbs are imported and purchased through U.S. based distributors with whom Rainbow Light has been doing business with since our inception, 27 years ago.

Due to the recent implication of melamine contamination of protein sources used in pet food, our customers have expressed concerns about ingredients imported from China. First on Melamine; melamine apparently can alter analytical tests for protein, kind of like "spiking" to get the tests to come back high in protein. Rest assured, we have stringent quality assurance processes in place to ensure the purity of the protein used in our products. The protein we use originates and is processed in Belgium, and melamine is a banned substance in that country. Melamine is now also banned in China as of 4/26/07.

To summarize, the FDA has tested both wheat gluten and rice protein imported from China. They have also began testing on corn gluten, corn meal, soy protein and rice bran only **as a precaution** although these ingredients have not been officially implicated. This does not mean that ANY food products (other than the hogs that were quarantined when found they were fed the tainted feed) for people have had melamine detected, but testing is underway as a precaution.

As far as Vitamin C, over 80% of vitamin C comes from China. This is a USP material and it is rigorously tested for purity, potency, safety and efficacy to meet USP standards. Experts have very little concern about potential for contamination. Remember nothing from corn has been implicated it is just being tested as a precaution.

This is an ongoing investigation and Rainbow Light is closely monitoring all new information as it becomes available. As always, we are working closely with our manufacturer and suppliers on all materials to ensure the continued safety and unsurpassable purity of our products. We retain a multitude of documentation for each raw material and are required through the Bioterrorism Act to identify all imports. With the wide array of ingredients used across the line, this is an incredible amount of information to present in list format, therefore, we would be happy to provide Country of Origin if there is a specific ingredient of concern. Please contact Marci Clow, Sr. Director, Technical Services, HYPERLINK <mailto:marcic@rlns.com> marcic@rlns.com, for additional information.