

## **STATEMENT REGARDING DIOXIN**

The European Regulation (EU) No 2023/915 of 25 April 2023 on maximum levels for certain contaminants in food and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 set maximum levels for dioxins and PCBs in several food categories, e.g. for meat, meat products and animal fat from ruminants, poultry, pigs and fishes, and also for milk and eggs.

The maximum levels for Dioxin and PCBs are only applicable to food products listed in annex I, 4.1 of Regulation (EU) No 2023/915. Gelatine and collagen peptides, as defined by Regulation (EC) N° 853/2004, are not considered as foodstuffs at risk of contamination by Dioxin and PCB and are, therefore, not in the scope of Regulation (EU) No 2023/915.

GME member companies manufacture exclusively safe products of high quality based on the following reasons:

1. Raw materials for the production of gelatine and collagen peptides originate exclusively from healthy animals found fit for human consumption.
2. Moreover, Dioxin accumulates solely in fatty tissues. There is no risk of a Dioxin contamination of gelatine or collagen peptides, as they are practically fat-free.

Validation period: until 31 December 2026.

