

## **Heavy Metal Statement**

Wholesome Sweeteners mission is to provide high quality sweetener products with an emphasis on agricultural preservation. Our growers and manufacturers strive to maintain ethical responsibilities that are beneficial to the environment as a whole and to the health of our consumers.

Careful cultivation and biological controls are implemented to provide heavy metal free protection of our organically certified crops. Organically certified products do not use any chemical herbicides, pesticides, or insecticides in growing or processing.

The suppliers of our sugar cane are regulated by 7 CFR 205 with continual monitoring by their organic certifying agency. Within this code, § 205.203 (Soil fertility and crop nutrient management practice standard) requires that the producer manage their fields to avoid contamination from heavy metals. Our mill in Paraguay performs annual composite testing to verify the product is free of unacceptable material.

If we can be of further assistance, please contact us.

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Our Mission: To supply only the finest products from ethically and environmentally responsible growers and manufacturers; To provide you with the choice of safe, flavorful, Organic and Natural sweeteners that are produced with respect for the environment, human welfare, food safety and the health and nutritional needs of you and your family; To be the premier supplier of added-value Organic and Natural Sweeteners to retail, foodservice and the industrial food manufacturing markets of North America.

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