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## Glyphosate Statement

Avena Foods' (Gluten-Free & Organic Gluten-Free) **Purity Protocol Oats** are protected against sources of contamination (such as chemicals) from the Seed selection & Farm practices to our Customers.

Avena Foods' Purity Protocol includes several control measures that monitor the use of Glyphosate. Specific Control Measures of our Program as it relates to Glyphosate include:

- On-site **Field inspections** & farm visits – Glyphosate pre-harvest use annual oversight during harvest by (CFIA trained) 3<sup>rd</sup> party inspectors.
- Letter of **Glyphosate Ban** - sent to all growers **since 2015**. Avena has taken a strong stance regarding Glyphosate for the past 3 years.
- Grower Contract – **Schedule A** states that using glyphosate pre-harvest is prohibited. Annual commitment, every crop year.
- Annual **Grower School** in 2017 & 2018 included discussions & awareness around Glyphosate Contamination & studies of its impact on Human health. Mandatory attendance for new Growers.
- **Chemical Declaration Forms** - Signed by every grower (Annually, every crop year). Signature required in section for pre-harvest Glyphosate Ban agreement.
- **Testing** - We have reserved the right to conduct random testing on Glyphosate on the post-harvest samples from each grower. Frequency of monitoring is risk based and assessed at a minimum each year. Since our 2015 ban, test results showed that there were no residue present in our raw grain samples. We will monitor random harvest samples for 2018 crop year's as soon as they are available.

Do not hesitate to contact us if you have further questions about our Purity Protocol Oats.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alexandra Fontaine".

Alexandra Fontaine  
Director, Quality Assurance

