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Ms. Amy Buringrud
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Dear Ms. Buringrud:

Your letter was shared with me. Thank you for contacting The Coca-Cola Company. We appreciate your taking the time to write and are pleased for the opportunity to respond.

The Coca-Cola Company has a firm policy of using only ingredients which have been evaluated for safety based on sound food science and accepted for use in food by the relevant health and safety regulatory authorities. Biotech corn is used in combination with traditional varieties in some parts of the world to manufacture our ingredients, but the high fructose corn syrup (HFCS) we use today is identical to the sweetener we used before the new corn varieties were available. The refining process for HFCS and other ingredients removes or destroys genetic material and protein so that the alteration in the biotechnology corn currently on the market does not affect our products in any way.

Genetically modified corn from different seed companies has been reviewed and approved through an extensive three-agency review process of the U.S. Government. All genetically modified corn available in the market has been approved for environmental release by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has evaluated the safety of pesticides used in all genetically modified crops and approved them for safe use. The genetically modified corn complies with U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) rules for food safety. The government of Japan and the European Union have approved food, food additive, and feed use of some varieties of genetically modified corn. The World Health Organization (WHO) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) also endorse the safety of biotechnology.

Please be assured, your comments have been shared appropriately. Please feel free to contact us in the future if we may be of assistance.

Sincerely,



Richard Robinson
Consumer Affairs Specialist

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