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FDA granted a GRAS status for LACRIS™ (*Bacillus coagulans* SANK70258) in U.S.

In September 2016, Mitsubishi-Chemical Foods Corporation has established GRAS (Generally Recognized as Safe) status for the lactic acid bacteria LACRIS™ (*Bacillus coagulans* SANK 70258) in the United States, and submitted a GRAS notification to the FDA. We are pleased to announce that the FDA has approved the GRAS status.

GRAS, a food material safety certification scheme administered in the United States, requires safety testing of food additives by the FDA (Food and Drug Administration) along with quantitatively and qualitatively equivalent scientific data. Data and test results are assessed by a team of scientifically trained and experienced experts.

In 2016, LACRIS™ was established self-affirmed GRAS status in the United States. This means that LACRIS™ was officially considered safe for use in foods in the United States at that point in time. Following the FDA approval, LACRIS™ is now able to be recognized as a GRAS status worldwide. Mitsubishi-Chemical Foods will use the GRAS status in further promoting LACRIS™ around the world.

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Last year marked the 50th anniversary of the launch of LACRIS™, the world's first ever *Bacillus coagulans* product. This unique lactic acid features spores that are resistant to the effects of heat, drying and acid. It is used extensively in a wide range of food products, health foods and even animal feed.

Mitsubishi-Chemical Foods is dedicated to making our lives better by supplying a range of high-performance functional food materials in line with the company motto: *Tasty, Healthy and Convenient*. We would like to take this opportunity to reiterate the fact that the lactic acid bacteria LACRIS™ has been formally acknowledged as a safe product with significant health benefits. We remain committed to ongoing research and quality maintenance of this outstanding product.

- LACRIS™ is a registered trademark of Mitsubishi-Chemical Foods Corporation.

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