

Cargill to offer Non-GMO certified sugar, sunflower oil and sweetener

Cargill, one of the world's biggest wholesale food suppliers, has bowed to consumer trends...

The US company handles millions of tonnes a year of crops such as corn and soyabeans that are typically grown with genetically modified (GMO) traits.

But it is also contending with shifting [tastes](#), including rising suspicion towards... GMO products...

On [Oct. 6], Cargill said it had for the first time received verification from the Non-GMO Project... for three of its food ingredients. The approval means packaged food companies that are Cargill's customers can slap the project's widely recognised butterfly logo on their products.

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The ... ingredients... were cane sugar, high oleic sunflower oil and erythritol, a zero-calorie bulk sweetener made from corn. Of the three, corn is the only crop currently grown with genetically modified traits.

"There is no GMO sugarcane, and there is no GMO sunflower," said Peter Golbitz of Agromeris, a consultant to the natural food industry. "It's somewhat capitulating to the growing consumer fear that there is something to be concerned about in all foods..."

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Cargill said its commitment to verifying the three ingredients, and "others expected in the future," was likely to increase farm acreage devoted to non-GMO agriculture in North America.

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