

**Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy (TSE) and
Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) Statement**

APEX FLAVORS, INC.

ProductName: Vanilla Spice Blend for Spirits, Natural& Artificial (Contains < 0.10% Artificial Top Note)

Item Number: 113TTB

Apex Flavors, Inc. products do not contain any ingredients of animal origin, nor do our products come in contact with products of animal origin during manufacture, storage or transportation. Moreover, these products do not contain, and are not derived from, specified risk material as defined in Commission Decision 97/534/EC or mechanically recovered meat obtained from the vertebral column of bovine, ovine or caprine.

Therefore, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the product listed above is free from Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy (TSE) and Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE).

Apex Flavors, Inc. may terminate this statement at any time upon written notice, in which this statement shall be null and void as to any material supplied after termination of the statement.

Sincerely,

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