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**GENETIC ID APPROVED BY CANADIAN GRAIN COMMISSION
TO TEST FOR FP967 (CDC TRIFFID) GM FLAX**

Offers construct-specific method for detecting GM flax using Real-time PCR

(Fairfield, Iowa, December 15, 2009). Genetic ID was recently approved by the Canadian Grain Commission (CGC) to test for the FP967 (CDC Triffid) genetically modified flax variety in shipments to the European Union.

FP967 flax not authorized in EU

In July 2009, FP967 was discovered in Canadian flaxseed export shipments to Europe. The GM flax variety had received regulatory approval in Canada for food and feed, but was never grown commercially. FP967 is not authorized for food or feed use in the European Union, and there is zero tolerance for FP967 per EU regulations. The discovery of FP967 has severely impacted Canadian flax exports to Europe worth an estimated \$321 million per year.

One of four labs approved to test railcars and producer samples

Following the discovery, CGC developed a protocol for sampling and testing for the presence of FP967 in shipments of Canadian flaxseed to the EU. CGC then conducted a proficiency test to determine which labs can carry out the required sampling and testing protocol.

Genetic ID met CGC's specific requirements for testing both railcars of Canadian flaxseed shipments to the EU and producer samples for the presence of FP967. Genetic ID was one of just four laboratories to be approved for testing both categories of samples.

Genetic ID offers a construct-specific method for detection of FP967 using Real-time PCR. The test specifically detects a transgenic construct that is present in GM flax/linseed FP967 (CDC Triffid), but is not present in non-GM flax or in any other commercialized GM event such as GM canola or GM corn. The method is fully validated and is included in the ISO 17025 scope of accreditation for Genetic ID laboratories in the United States and Europe. The test is now available for all flax/linseed products.

For questions about our tests for FP967 flax, call GM flax test information hotline: United States and Canada 888-229-2011, e-mail info@genetic-id.com, or visit www.genetic-id.com.

About Genetic ID

Since 1996, Genetic ID has been recognized as a global leader in GMO detection. The company's DNA-based technology detects all commercialized GMOs and precisely detects and quantifies genetically modified material in a wide range of raw crops and processed foods. Genetic ID's method has been proven on tens of thousands of samples for major food and agricultural companies worldwide. Genetic ID offers its clients fast turnaround times, responsive customer service, and the highest standards of impartiality, confidentiality, and information security.

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