

STATEMENT ON REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS AND FREE TRADE

Consumer health, safety and protection is the undisputable guiding principle of the gelatin and collagen peptides producers organized in regional associations: GMIA - Gelatin Manufacturers Institute of America; GME - Gelatine Manufacturers of Europe; GMAP - Gelatin Manufacturers Association of Asia Pacific; SAGMA - South American Gelatine Manufacturers Association and represented by GROW (Gelatin Representatives of the World).

The members of the regional associations are producing gelatin and collagen peptides which are used in a various range of applications. Gelatin is mainly used in food and pharma applications and collagen peptides in health, nutrition, and beauty applications.

The gelatin manufacturers represented by GROW consider that the standard for the trade of gelatin and collagen peptides is the [OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code \(TAHC\)](#). Most of the countries where the members are located belong to OIE countries and participated in the establishment of the OIE TAHC.

The OIE code is considering all the most current scientific knowledge and expertise and GROW believes it provides all the appropriate measures to produce gelatin and collagen peptides of highest quality sufficient to produce safe, natural and reliable products and protect the final consumer. Creating or maintaining restrictions is detrimental to the global availability and trade of gelatin and collagen peptides that is crucial to the supply of markets mentioned above.

GROW recommends all Governments to align their regional legislations to the OIE TAHC standards and reduce the administrative burdens as also recommended by [OECD](#) to improve the availability and trade of gelatin and collagen peptides worldwide.

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