

Intellectual Property and Patent Protection

Frequently Asked Questions

Does Cargill have any patent protection relating to Regenasure® Glucosamine?

Cargill produces Regenasure® Glucosamine using a method covered by an issued U.S. patent. In addition, Cargill has several patent applications covering vegetarian-derived glucosamine compositions and methods of their production pending both abroad and in the United States. In the United States, only Cargill and companies that it specifically authorizes or licenses, may make, import, use, sell or offer for sale glucosamine products made or covered by Cargill's patented technology.

Has Cargill authorized or licensed any company to produce glucosamine products using its patented technology?

To date, Cargill has not authorized or licensed any company to produce glucosamine products using its patented technology and any representations or statements to the contrary are false. Anyone manufacturing, importing, selling or offering for sale in the United States any vegetarian-derived glucosamine composition produced using Cargill's methods does so without Cargill's authorization.

What is Cargill's position on intellectual property and how do non-U.S. made glucosamine compositions allegedly derived from vegetarian sources compare.

Cargill recognizes and respects the intellectual property of others and is committed to protecting and enforcing its own intellectual property rights. Cargill has reason to believe that some non-U.S. manufacturers and distributors of vegetarian-derived glucosamine are using Cargill's patented technology. Because of possible adverse consequences that could be imposed on them and their customers, such parties may conceal the origin and/or the method of the preparation of their products. Cargill is continuing to investigate the extent to which these non-U.S. made glucosamine compositions allegedly derived from vegetarian sources compare to Regenasure® Glucosamine.

What can I do if I become aware of importation of vegetarian-derived glucosamine compositions produced by non-U.S. companies using Cargill's patented technology?

Presently, Cargill is working to prevent importation of vegetarian-derived glucosamine compositions produced by non-U.S. companies, which Cargill believes may have been produced using Cargill's patented technology. Cargill appreciates any insight or information concerning such entities' activities that you or your company may become aware of.

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