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By email: [sven@theconceptfactory.biz](mailto:sven@theconceptfactory.biz)

Mr Sven ten Bokkel Huinink

Dear Sven,

RE: GMO POTATOES

Thank you very much for taking the time to contact McDonald's with regard to the use of genetically modified potatoes in our French Fries. We love hearing from our customers and really appreciate the opportunity to provide accurate information to them.

McDonald's is committed to providing quality food to our customers and source our products and ingredients from the best suppliers locally and globally. In South Africa, our potatoes are sourced from McCain Foods and we asked their Managing Director, Mr. Owen Porteus, to provide us with full clarification on the use of GMO potatoes with regard to their supply to McDonald's South Africa.

Mr. Porteus has the following to say, "McCain Foods (SA) (Pty) Ltd does not accept nor use GMO potatoes in any of its products."

"We are aware of the recent press release relating to the possibility of a GMO variety of potato being developed in this country. The variety in question, Spunta, is not suitable for processing and is not included nor is it intended to include in our seed program therefore we do not see it as a threat to our industry. Regardless of this we will continue to monitor this development in order for us to ensure that we can react where and when if necessary to ensure we maintain GMO free products to our customers."

I trust that the above confirmation will set your mind at ease and that you'll continue to enjoy many more meals with us at McDonald's.

Thank you again for contacting us with your query.

Kind Regards,

Darren R. Hall  
Managing Director