



Statement in response to the topic “Vegan Xanthan”

(Calw, July 2016) Xanthan (xanthan gum) is a naturally occurring polysaccharide. It is obtained from sugar-containing substrates – by-products in the production of sugar – fermented by bacteria in the genus *Xanthomonas*. Xanthan expands in liquid solutions and is therefore used as a thickener in both the food industry and in cosmetics.

It is generally regarded as vegan, but an egg protein is sometimes used in the fermentation process. Börlind GmbH has begun to replace the xanthan previously used in its products with a vegan product that is manufactured with a fermentation process guaranteed to be free of animal protein. Once the changeover is finished, the products will be labeled as vegan.

The vegan xanthan differs from the conventional product only in that the liquid solution is not clear. Otherwise, it causes no changes to the respective product.

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