



From start to finish, Martek's DHA is produced using a patented process in an FDA-inspected, world-class facility using quality management systems that exceed industry best practices. The techniques Martek uses to produce its DHA and ARA oils are similar to the processes used to produce common vegetable oils, including soy oil, canola oil and corn oil.

Martek's DHA oils are vegetarian, free of ocean-borne contaminants and from sustainable sources. The organisms used to produce Martek's DHA oils **are not** genetically modified (GMO). In addition, the use of our oils in organic products is permissible in accordance with USDA regulations.

The Agriculture Marketing Service (AMS) of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has established detailed requirements for foods labeled as "organic." Organic products lawfully may contain added nutrient vitamins and minerals. In 2006, AMS evaluated whether Martek's DHA could be added to infant formulas and other organic products and concluded it would be appropriate to do so because DHA is treated as "a nutrient vitamin and mineral."

Martek's DHA oils may be used as ingredients in organic products if used in accordance with the rules of the USDA National Organic Program (NOP). Martek's DHA oils are considered non-agricultural, accessory nutrients and are allowed in the production of products to be sold, labeled, or represented as organic under the NOP.

USDA-accredited certifying agents have authorized the use of Martek's DHA oils for use in food products bearing the USDA's organic seal. Our customers using Martek's DHA oils in organic food products have obtained this certification. In some instances, such products have been further reviewed and the authorization to use Martek's oils has been explicitly ratified by the USDA.

The FDA has stated that it stands behind their processes and that while they constantly monitor and will consider new data, nothing presented to date regarding the use of Martek's nutritional ingredients in infant formula causes them concern.

Martek manufactures its DHA from microalgae that is not a genetically modified organism. Additionally, Martek procures all ingredients used in its production process that are in compliance with EC/1829/2003 and EC/1830/2003 requirements for non-GMO material. EC/1829/2003 and EC/1830/2003 are Genetically Modified Food and Feed Regulations of the European Community. **Martek does use domestic corn-based nutrients in the DHA production process to facilitate fermentation that may be sourced from a GM corn plant given the prevalence of GM corn in the U.S. market,** but the use of GM ingredients during the fermentation process does not alter the genetic makeup of the algae, and Martek's DHA product is not GM and contains no GM material.