

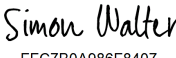
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## DECLARATION

The PopVriend varieties of which seeds are delivered to you by us (see below listing), have been developed by conventional plant breeding methods and with techniques/methods, which are excluded from the scope of the "Directive 2001/18/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12<sup>th</sup> March 2001 on the deliberate release into the environment of genetically modified organisms" ("Directive"). The seeds of these varieties have also been produced in a conventional way. Reasonable precautions have been taken with special diligence to achieve maximum purity and to avoid natural and/or adventitious presence of any other material including genetically modified organisms ("GMO"), which fall within the scope of the Directive.

However, seed production occurs in open fields under natural conditions with free circulation of pollen. Therefore, it is neither possible to totally prevent the adventitious presence of GMO, which fall within the scope of the Directive. This applies particularly in view of the fact that according to the current scientific knowledge it is not possible to prove, if a plant is a genome-edited plant or not, and to allocate a genome-edited plant to a technique/method used.

Yours sincerely,

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