

# SETHNESS PRODUCTS COMPANY

## FOOD GRADE CERTIFICATE

Caramel Colors manufactured by Sethness Products Company (SPC) comply with the Color Additive regulation for Caramel as defined under the United States Code of Federal Regulations (21 CFR 73.85). This part defines the standard of identity for Caramel. Caramel Colors are “exempt from certification” and are 100% Caramel Color. The monograph clearly defines that raw materials used must be of food grade quality and that Good Manufacturing Practices must be followed. Caramel is GRAS (Generally Recognized As Safe) according to 21 CFR 182.1235.

Sethness Products Company has attained certification to Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) standards and undergoes annual third party audits to maintain this status. In addition, programs have been updated to ensure compliance with the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Preventative Controls for Human Food to produce safe, legal and authentic products. SPC Caramel Colors have undergone extensive risk assessments, including food fraud (Economic Adulteration (EA)), which are reviewed and updated annually. Caramel Colors are considered a very low risk for adulteration.

Sethness Products Company offers FCC and JECFA compliant Caramel Colors for food applications. The FCC and JECFA Caramel Monographs cover testing parameters such as heavy metals, sulfur dioxide and 4-methylimidazole (4-MeI).

Sethness Products Company is audited and inspected by the FDA. Sethness Products Company is licensed and inspected as a food processing plant under the Iowa Code of Law. The State of Iowa certifies that Sethness Products Company’s Caramel Colors are fit for human consumption. Caramel Colors do not require further processing and are considered ready to eat (RTE) when used at GMP levels, but are not intended to be consumed straight. Copies of our Certificate of Free Sale, Origin statement and other documents are available upon request.

*FCC = Food Chemical Codex*

*JECFA = Joint Food and Agriculture (FAO)/World Health Organization (WHO) Expert Committee on Food Additives*

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