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### **NATURAL STATEMENT**

This Statement is in response to the question whether ICL Performance Products phosphates are considered NATURAL or ARTIFICIAL ingredients. The FDA has not issued a formal definition for the term "NATURAL". Therefore, the definition of this term is somewhat subjective and open to individual interpretation. Some common interpretations are: "Minimally processed" and/or "No presence of chemical additives". Phosphate salts are produced by neutralization of phosphoric acid with the appropriate metal salt (sodium, potassium, calcium and other metals). Phosphoric acid is made from strip mined ore by several methods: 1) Distilling off elemental phosphorus in an electric arc furnace then burning in air and reacting the resulting oxide with water; 2) Reacting ore with a strong acid, then separating and purifying through extraction techniques.

Phosphorus/phosphoric acid/phosphate salts, therefore, are natural in the same sense as iron, salt, glass or any similar commodity is a natural product. None of these materials are synthesized; they are all refined/produced from naturally-occurring mineral/inorganic substances, however, in the strictest sense of the definition, they cannot be classified as "NATURAL" materials, since they have undergone considerable processing in altering them from their naturally occurring forms.

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