

**Revised Model Declaration for information of customers by seed companies  
on Ehec (Enterohaemorrhagic Escherichia coli)**

Company tec2trade GmbH works according to high internal and regulatory quality standards. Our seeds are produced and marketed under strict conditions and requirements. These conditions and standards are a.o. laid down in respective European seed marketing and plant health legislation and are valid throughout the European Union.

These seeds are marketed with the objective of growing a plant. These seeds are not meant to be eaten directly by humans. Moreover, these seeds are not meant for the production of sprouted seeds when seed, or at least part of the seed, will be eaten as part of the final product.

1. According to the World Health Organization, Escherichia coli (E. coli) is a bacterium that is commonly found in the gut of humans and warm-blooded animals. Most strains of E. coli are harmless. Some strains however, such as enterohaemorrhagic E. coli (*Ehec*), can cause severe foodborne disease. It is transmitted to humans primarily through consumption of contaminated foods, such as raw or undercooked ground meat products and raw milk.
  
2. There is no peer-reviewed, scientific research currently available that indicates that *Ehec* colonized and invaded plant tissue, contaminated seed and later was implicated in food poisoning cases due to ingestion of crops grown from that seed. Therefore, the European seed sector at present believes there is no value in specific testing of seed lots for the presence of *Ehec* when those seeds are used for the growing of plants