

Avonlac 282 Product Packet



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The safety and quality of our products is the highest priority for Southwest Cheese. We have in place a Quality Management System based on internationally recognized standards.

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Country of Origin Statement

Raw material manufactured in: USA

Material manufactured in: USA

The above-mentioned product has for its possible production site(s):

- Southwest Cheese Clovis, New Mexico

Product Composition

<u>Composition</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Whey protein concentrate	>99%
Soy lecithin	<1%

Continuing Guarantee

The undersigned, Southwest Cheese (“Seller”), hereby states that each and every article contained in and comprising each shipment or delivery of Avonlac 282 (“Product”), hereafter made by Seller, to, or on the order of, _____ (collectively, and individually, “Buyer”) is hereby guaranteed, as of the date of each shipment or delivery, to be:

1. Not adulterated or misbranded within the meaning of the U.S. Federal Food, Drug, Cosmetic Act, as amended, (the “FFDCA”) and not an article that may not, under provisions of Section 404 of the FFDCA, be introduced into interstate commerce;
2. Not adulterated or misbranded within the meaning of laws, rules, regulations, ordinances or orders of any state or local authority that are substantially the same as those found in the FFDCA;
3. Produced in accordance with applicable current Good Manufacturing Practices, and any Buyer requirements communicated in writing by Buyer to Seller, including without limitation requirements relating to quality assurance, quality control, and HACCP.
4. Complies with the FFDCA of 1938, as amended and all applicable regulations promulgated thereunder, and any other applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to food safety;
5. Not an article that cannot be legally transported or sold under the provisions of any other U.S. federal, state, or local law, rule regulation, ordinance or order;
6. If an article which is or which contains a color additive, such color additive (where color additive regulations require certification) is or will be from a batch certified in accordance with the FFDCA, and regulations issued under the FFDCA;
7. All domestic and foreign facilities that were engaged in the manufacture, processing, packing or holding of each and every such article (excluding only “food contact materials” as defined) are registered with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as required by the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and

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Response Act of 2002 and regulations promulgated thereunder (the "Bioterrorism Act"). Seller will comply with all the recordkeeping requirements of the Bioterrorism Act applicable to "non-Transporters" with respect to the Product:

8. Produced and sold in compliance with the U.S. Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended, and rules, regulations and orders of the administrator of the Wage and Hour Division issued under Section 14 thereof; and
9. Seller agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Buyer from and against any liability, losses, claims, damages, fines, penalties, costs and expenses (including attorney fees) arising out of or resulting from a breach of this guarantee.

This continuing guarantee supersedes and revokes all previous continuing guarantees provided by Seller to Buyer for the Product.

GMO Compliance Statement

We hereby confirm that the above-mentioned product intended for use in human consumption:

Has been produced **with usage** of GMO respectively genetic engineering and **is subject** to GMO-labelling and traceability according to Regulations (EC) No. 1829/2003 and 1830/2003.

Gluten Free Statement

Southwest Cheese asserts that the above product:

Does not contain gluten, nor includes ingredients that contain gluten themselves.

Kosher and Halal Statement

According to 21 CFR 101.29 and CAC/GL 24-1997, any food item that includes claims to be Kosher or Halal must abide by the specific production and handling requirements as outlined under their respective religious laws. Based upon these requirements, Southwest Cheese asserts that Avonlac 282 is:

Suitable for Kosher diet and is certified Kosher (certificate available upon request)

Suitable for Halal diet and is certified Halal (certificate available upon request)

FDA Registration Statement

We are pleased to inform you that all Southwest Cheese manufacturing facilities are registered with the FDA in accordance with the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002.

As recommended by the FDA, the facility registration numbers are kept confidential.

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Vegetarian Statement

The product is suitable for vegetarian diets.

Allergen Survey/Statement

Allergenic foods and derivatives, and sensitizing agents	Product Contains?	Product is Produced:		The product has cross-contact risk from?	Specify nature of allergenic / sensitizing material:
		On the same equipment with?	In the same factory with?		
Milk	Yes	Yes	Yes	NA	Whey protein
Eggs	No	No	No	No	
Fish(e.g. bass, flounder, cod)	No	No	No	No	
Crustacean shellfish (e.g. crab, lobster, shrimp)	No	No	No	No	
Tree Nuts (e.g. almonds, walnuts, pecans)	No	No	No	No	
Peanuts	No	No	No	No	
Wheat	No	No	No	No	
Wheat Gluten	No	No	No	No	
Rye Gluten	No	No	No	No	
Barley Gluten	No	No	No	No	
Soybeans	Yes	Yes	Yes	NA	Soy lecithin
Mustard	No	No	No	No	
Celery	No	No	No	No	
Sesame Seeds	No	No	No	No	
Sulphur Dioxide and Sulfites	No	No	No	No	
Mollusk	No	No	No	No	
Lupin	No	No	No	No	

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Heavy Metals Statement

Standard 193-1995 of the Codex Alimentarius and EU Regulation EC 1881/2006 outline the maximum levels of heavy metal contaminants that should legally be allowed in certain categories of food. Based upon these recommendations, Southwest Cheese asserts that Avonlac 282 is periodically tested for the four most common heavy metals, namely Arsenic, Lead, Cadmium, and Mercury, and conforms to these standards.

GRAS/NDI Statement

Ingredient	Regulatory Reference
Whey protein concentrate	21 CFR 184.1979
Soy lecithin	21 CFR 184.1400

Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy Statement- Dairy

Southwest Cheese certify that the above-mentioned dairy products:

- Are derived solely from fresh cow's milk
- The milk from which our Dairy products are prepared has been heat treated at a minimum temperature of 161°F or 72°C for a period of at least 15 seconds.
- According to the World Health Organization (WHO), milk does not carry the disease agent for Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE).
- Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) has never been detected in milk and its derivatives, nor is there any scientific doubt about the absence of BSE in milk. Therefore, the mentioned product is regarded to be free from BSE and in this respect completely safe for human consumption.
- The product has been prepared from milk originating from cows being under sanitary control of the State of New Mexico, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
- The US prohibits the feeding of meat and bone meal or other feeds which may have ruminant proteins (except for dairy proteins) to ruminant animals. This regulation is effectively enforced.

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Irradiation/ ETO Statement

The product stated above does not undergo irradiation/ETO treatment to extend the shelf-life or to control microbial spoilage.

Melamine Statement

Southwest Cheese has not and does not add melamine to its process or use it as an ingredient or additive in any of its human food or animal feed products. Melamine is not present in dairy rations used as a source for nutrition, as confirmed in our internal product analytical analysis.

Our milk supply meets all Grade A requirements under the Interstate Milk Shippers Agreement, as determined by the Federal Food and Drug Administration. Under this agreement, all dairy facilities are inspected by the regulatory agency on a continual basis.

As part of Southwest Cheese's quality program, all milk is monitored for specific quality parameters and residual inhibitors and pesticides. All our manufacturing facilities in New Mexico meet the European Directives for milk quality.

To further reassure our customers that products produced or distributed by Southwest Cheese are free from melamine, also called cyanuramide, we have analyzed for this substance and are providing assurances that melamine is not present.

Southwest Cheese's comprehensive quality assurance programs ensure our products are safe and are produced to agreed-upon specifications with good manufacturing practices.

Lot Code Statement

Example lot code: 2009701

Lot code explanation: 200 (Julian date – July 19) + 9 (Year – 2019) + 7 (Plant) + 01 (Packaging line)

Proposition 65 Statement

Proposition 65, also known as the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, requires marketers of certain consumer products sold in the State of California to provide disclosures when chemicals listed by the State as carcinogens or reproductive toxicants are present above set exposure limits.

These exposure limits are based on dosage amounts. Since Southwest Cheese manufactures and sells the above referenced product as bulk raw material for further processing only, we cannot determine whether or not the final dosage meets Proposition 65 requirements. This determination must happen at the finished consumer product level and is the manufacturer's responsibility.

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To assist our customers, we can confirm that no substance found on the Proposition 65 list of “Chemicals known to the State to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity” was used as an ingredient in this product. Furthermore, we can attest that we have no reason to believe any Proposition 65 substance is present at levels that pose a significant risk.

Proposition 65 is a complex regulation that contains over 300 substances. We recommend customers provide specifications for chemicals of concern as needed and seek advice from a qualified California attorney specializing in this area of law if they have questions or concerns.

No Added rBST Statement

The Southwest Cheese Company has secured a source of milk from cows that have not been treated with the hormone known as rBST or rBGH and as such are in position to offer cheese, 80% whey protein concentrate, and 90% whey protein isolate that is solely derived from this milk source.

Southwest Cheese Company has been able to supply such milk to the facility through close collaboration with its partnership as 50% of the venture is comprised of milk suppliers from the Greater Southwest Agency. Our milk suppliers have signed affidavits from each of the farms that supply our facility that demonstrate full commitment to keeping their herd away from no added rBGH / rBST.

Although Southwest Cheese neither advocates nor opposes the use or approval of rBST / rBGH, the understandable demand from our customers has warranted us to work with our milk supply in order to be able to offer products that utilize a milk supply that has not been treated with rBST / rBGH.

Antibiotic Statement

Southwest Cheese Company evaluate incoming milk supplies in accordance to Appendix N of the Pasteurized Milk Ordinance. Appendix N of the Pasteurized Milk Ordinance defines the drug residue testing and farm surveillance program for milk in the United States.

Southwest Cheese Company screens all bulk milk pickup tankers for beta-lactam drug residues. Bulk milk testing shall be completed prior to processing. Routine drug residues are tested. Additionally, FDA screens for other drug residues, employing a random sampling program on bulk milk pickup tankers.

WADA Statement

The product stated above is not manufactured with nor comes into contact with any of the substances on the 2017 NSF, 2018 NFL/NFLPA, or 2019 WADA Banned and Prohibited Lists nor do we bring anything on these lists into the facility.

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