



# How to select the best ingredient CHECKLIST:

Supplier: \_\_\_\_\_

Ingredient: \_\_\_\_\_

## 1 Start with a TRUSTED ingredient:

- Strong science
- Original research
- Published research
- Bioavailability in human subjects
- GRAS status
- Free of allergen risks
- Patented
- Long history of inclusion in finished products
- Compliant with government regulations

## 2 Products must be fully TRACEABLE:

- Includes raw ingredients fully traceable to the field, all through processing, processing aids to finished products, to and from each customer
- All necessary documentation required, identifiers, lot numbers etc. encrypted for quick traceability
- In today's safety-oriented environment, traceability should be completed within a couple of hours
- Everyone up and down the supply chain must be trained
- cGMP's must be followed and must comply with new upcoming FSMA's CFR 117

## 3 TRANSPARENT suppliers must:

- Provide all information for your formulation to be successful
- Provide full ingredient disclosure
- Provide detailed specifications and corresponding COAs
- Provide details of value to customer and consumers (GMO, Sustainability, Global Stds for Human Rights)
- Provide details of product safety: pesticides, heavy metals, micro
- Be available for questions during the ingredient selection and qualification process.