



Food-Contact Compliance Statement

October 3rd, 2025

Product: Natural Bamboo Cooking Vessel (Single-Use "Bamboo Biryani Pot")

Manufacturer: National Bamboo LLC (DBA Bamboo Biryani Cookers), Raleigh, NC, USA

1. Product Description

The product consists of hand-harvested young culms of *Phyllostachys nigra* 'Henon' (Giant Gray) bamboo, cultivated from verified U.S. tissue-culture genetics on managed plantations operated by National Bamboo LLC. First or second year green culms are selected for uniform diameter (~3 in.) and longer node spacing (14–16 in.). After harvest, each segment is power-washed, cut between nodes, cleaned internally (free of dust), and air-dried in breathable bins prior to packaging. No coatings, varnishes, adhesives, waxes, or synthetic resins are applied. The product is designed and sold for single-use food-contact applications, such as bamboo biryani or steamed food presentations.

2. Agricultural and Material Safety Controls

- Bamboo cultivated without pesticides, herbicides, or synthetic fertilizers.
- Plantation soil and harvested material analyzed by NC state-certified laboratories for heavy metals (As, Pb, Cd, Hg) and other contaminants, all found to be well below U.S. FDA and WHO food-contact reference limits.
- Bamboo dried to <15% moisture to minimize microbial activity prior to shipment.
- Restaurant end-users sanitize each bamboo segment prior to cooking (e.g., steam or hot-water rinse).

3. Intended Use & Limitations

- Intended for single-use direct food contact under moist-heat cooking conditions $\leq 212^{\circ}\text{F}$ (100°C).
- Not intended for long-term storage of liquids, oils, or acidic foods.
- Reuse, exposure above boiling temperature, or open-flame contact is not recommended.

4. Regulatory Basis

Based on composition, process controls, and intended single-use contact, this product is consistent with the applicable provisions of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration food-contact regulations (21 CFR §174–178) governing indirect food additives and natural food-contact materials. Testing and documentation confirm no detectable migration of hazardous or regulated substances above FDA limits under normal use conditions.

5. Declaration

National Bamboo LLC affirms that the above product:

- Is composed solely of untreated *Phyllostachys nigra* 'Henon' (Giant Gray) bamboo from U.S. tissue-culture origin;
- Meets internal quality and safety standards verified through third-party testing;
- Is suitable for its intended single-use food-contact purpose.

This declaration is made in good faith based on current information, laboratory analyses, and applicable regulatory guidance as of the date listed above.

Authorized Signatory:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. James LeLiever", written over a horizontal line.

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