

Food Flavourings Database User Guide

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1. Introduction

This database serves as an informational tool on the flavouring substances approved for use in food in the EU, including their conditions of use. It also contains those flavouring substances which may currently be placed on the market until the risk assessment and authorisation procedures have been concluded. The information in the database is based on the Union list of flavourings and source materials as laid down in Part I of Annex I of Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008.

Important remark:

The Union list of flavourings and source materials is to apply without prejudice to other provisions laid down in sector specific legislation.

Those flavouring substance which may currently be placed on the market until the risk assessment and authorisation procedures have been concluded can be distinguished by footnotes from 1 to 4. Flavouring substances which are authorised in the EU do not have these footnotes.

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http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/fAEF/flavouring/index_en.htm

2. Information in other languages

The database is available in English. In order to access information in other EU languages click on "Documents" in the Food Flavourings top window.

The following documents are available:

- Complete list of the food (sub) categories available in all languages.

3. List of flavouring substances

The list of authorised flavouring substances can be found by clicking on "Flavourings" in the Food Flavourings top window.

Individual flavouring substances can be found via the window search criteria by:

- FL number;
- Introducing the name or part of the name of the flavouring substance;
- CAS number (if applicable);
- Council of Europe (CoE) number

➔ Click search.

Please note the following:

1: Ammonium, sodium, potassium and calcium salts as well as chlorides, carbonates and sulphates are covered by the generic substances, provided they have flavouring properties.

2: If the authorised flavouring substance is a racemate (an equal mixture of optical isomers), both the R- and S- form are authorised for use. If only the R-form has been authorised then the S-form is not covered by this authorisation and vice versa.

4. Conditions of use of a flavouring substance

When an individual flavouring substance has been located, the conditions of use of that flavouring substance can be found by clicking on the name of the flavouring. The following information will appear:

- the food category(ies) to which the flavouring substance may be added;
- the conditions of use of the flavouring substance for a particular food category, the maximum level (ML) that may be added, and if applicable, the restriction(s) or exception(s) to the use of the flavouring substance in that category;
- ML = *quantum satis*: this means that no maximum numerical level is specified and substances shall be used in accordance with good manufacturing practice, at a level not higher than is necessary to achieve the intended purpose, and provided the consumer is not misled.
- Footnote 1 to 4 linked to the evaluation status of the flavouring substance, if applicable;
- Reference to the evaluating scientific body
 - i. EFSA (the European Food Safety Authority)
 - ii. SCF (the Scientific Committee on Food)
 - iii. JECFA (the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives)
 - iv. CoE (Council of Europe)

Please note that the authorisation to use flavouring substances in flavoured foods is without prejudice to other provisions laid down in sector specific legislation.

5. List of Food Categories

The food categories are listed by clicking on "Categories" in the Food Flavourings top window.

The main food categories are listed with the category number on the right of the list.

Subcategories can be listed by clicking on the main category, and in some cases by further clicking on the subcategory listed.

All subcategories can be listed by clicking on the "expand" button at the bottom of the list.

6. Updating of the Food Flavourings database

The Food Flavourings database will be updated each time amendments to the Union list of flavourings and source materials in food apply. This includes inclusion or deletion of a substance and/or changes to the conditions of use. In the future, additional types of flavourings (other than flavouring substances) will be included.

7. Legislation

Related legislation of flavourings can be found by clicking on "Legislation" in the Food Flavourings top window.

8. Documents

Other documents related to the food additives legislation can be found by clicking on "Documents" in the Food Flavourings top window. These include:

- Complete list of the food (sub) categories available in all languages.