

Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on food additives (Text with EEA relevance)

CHAPTER I

SUBJECT MATTER, SCOPE AND DEFINITIONS

Article 1

Subject matter

This Regulation lays down rules on food additives used in foods with a view to ensuring the effective functioning of the ^{F1}... market whilst ensuring a high level of protection of human health and a high level of consumer protection, including the protection of consumer interests and fair practices in food trade, taking into account, where appropriate, the protection of the environment.

For those purposes, this Regulation provides for:

- (a) [^{F2}domestic] lists of approved food additives as set out in Annexes II and III;
- (b) conditions of use of food additives in foods, including in food additives and in food enzymes as covered by Regulation (EC) No 1332/2008 [on food enzymes], and in food flavourings as covered by Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on flavourings and certain food ingredients with flavouring properties for use in and on foods⁽¹⁾;
- (c) rules on the labelling of food additives sold as such.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in Art. 1 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Food Additives, Flavourings, Enzymes and Extraction Solvents \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/860\)](#), regs. 1, **80(a)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F2** Word in Art. 1 substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Food Additives, Flavourings, Enzymes and Extraction Solvents \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/860\)](#), regs. 1, **80(b)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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- (1) See page 34 of this Official Journal.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- Regulation applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2023/959 reg. 4\(a\)](#)Sch. 1

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- Annex 2 Pt. B para. 2 words inserted by [S.S.I. 2023/78 sch. 1 para. 1\(b\)](#)
- Annex 2 Pt. B para. 2 words inserted by [S.S.I. 2024/156 sch. 1 para. 1](#)
- Annex 2 Pt. B para. 2 table words inserted by [S.I. 2024/685 reg. 2\(2\)](#)
- Annex 2 Pt. B para. 2 Table words inserted by [S.I. 2023/343 Sch. 1 para. 2\(b\)](#)
- Annex 2 Pt. B para. 2 Table words inserted by [S.I. 2024/741 Sch. 1 para. 2](#)
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- Annex 2 Pt. B para. 2 table words substituted by [S.I. 2023/334 reg. 2\(2\)\(a\)](#)
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- Annex 2 Pt. C para. 5(v) inserted by [S.I. 2023/334 reg. 2\(3\)](#)
- Annex 2 Pt. C para. 5(v) inserted by [S.I. 2023/343 Sch. 1 para. 3](#)
- Annex 2 Pt. C para. 5(v) table words inserted by [S.I. 2024/685 reg. 2\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- Annex 2 Pt. C para. 5(v) Table words inserted by [S.I. 2024/741 Sch. 1 para. 3\(b\)](#)
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- Annex 2 Pt. C para. 5(v) words substituted by [S.I. 2024/741 Sch. 1 para. 3\(a\)](#)
- Art. 28A(3)(d) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/1013 reg. 79\(a\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2019/1013 revoked immediately before IP completion day by S.I. 2020/1504, regs. 1(2), 21(e))
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