

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

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ANNEX I

Functional classes of food additives in foods and of food...
'sweeteners' are substances used to impart a sweet taste to...

ANNEX II

Union list of food additives approved for use in foods and conditions of use

PART A

1. Introduction This Union list includes: the name of the...

1. Introduction
2. General provisions on listed food additives and conditions of use...
 1. Only the substances listed in Part B, as specified by...
 2. Additives may only be used in the foods and under...
 3. In Part E of this Annex, foods are listed on...
 4. Aluminium lakes prepared from all colours listed in Table 1...
 5. The colours E 123, E 127, E 160b, E 161g,...

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6. The substances listed under numbers E 407, E 407a and...
 7. When labelled ' for food use ', nitrite may...
 8. The carry over principle set out in Article 18(1)(a) of...
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(a) E 200 – 202: Sorbic acid – potassium sorbate (SA) (b) E 210–213: Benzoic acid — benzoates (BA) (c) E 200–213: Sorbic acid — sorbates; Benzoic acid — benzoates (SA + BA) (d) E 200–219: Sorbic acid — sorbates; Benzoic acid — benzoates; p-hydroxybenzoates (SA + BA + PHB) (e) E 200 – 202; 214 – 219: Sorbic acid – potassium sorbate; p-hydroxybenzoates (SA + PHB) (f) E 214–219: p-hydroxybenzoates (PHB) (g) E 220–228: Sulphur dioxide — sulphites (h) E 249–250: Nitrites (i) E 251–252: Nitrates (j) E 280–283: Propionic acid — propionates (k) E 310–320: Propyl gallate, TBHQ and BHA (l) E 338–341, E 343 and E 450 — 452: Phosphoric acid — phosphates — di-, tri- and polyphosphates (m) E 355–357: Adipic acid — adipates (n) E 432–436: Polysorbates (o) E 473–474: Sucrose esters of fatty acids, Sucroglycerides (p) E 481–482: Stearoyl-2-lactylates (q) E 491–495: Sorbitan esters (r) E 520–523: Aluminium sulphates (t) E 620–625: Glutamic acid — glutamates (u) E 626–635: Ribonucleotides

PART D

FOOD CATEGORIES

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PART E

AUTHORISED FOOD ADDITIVES AND CONDITIONS OF USE IN FOOD CATEGORIES...

ANNEX III

Union list of food additives including carriers approved for use in food additives, food enzymes, food flavourings, nutrients and their conditions of use

Definitions

1. ' nutrients ' for the purposes of this Annex means...
2. ' preparation ' for the purposes of this Annex means...

PART 1

Carriers in food additives Maximum level from all sources in...

PART 2

Food additives other than carriers in food additives Except enzymes...

Note: General rules for conditions of use of Food additives in...

- (1) Food Additives presented in Table 1 of Part 6 of...
- (2) For phosphates and silicates maximum limits have been set only...
- (3) For all other food additives with a numerical ADI value...
- (4) No food additives are authorised for their function as colour,...

PART 3

Food additives including carriers in food enzymes Including enzymes authorised...

Note: General rules for conditions of use of Food additives in...

- (1) Food Additives presented in Table 1 of Part 6 of...
- (2) For phosphates and silicates, when used as additives, maximum limits...
- (3) For all other food additives with a numerical ADI value...
- (4) No food additives are authorised for their function as colour,...

PART 4

Food additives including carriers in food flavourings Proportionality rule: when...

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— Food additives in nutrients except nutrients intended to be used...
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— Food additives added in nutrients intended to be used...

— Food additives added in nutrients intended to be used in...
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Note: General rules for conditions of use of Food additives in...

- (1) Food Additives presented in Table 1 of Part 6 of...
- (2) For phosphates and silicates, when used as additives, maximum limits...
- (3) For all other food additives with a numerical ADI value...
- (4) No food additives are authorised for their function as colour,...

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Definitions of groups of food additives for the purposes of...

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Traditional foods for which certain Member States may continue
to prohibit the use of certain categories of food additives

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List of the food colours referred to in Article 24 for which
the labelling of foods shall include additional information

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