

Food Enzymes in the European Union

The information required for a dossier submission varies depending on the nature of the food enzyme, intended use, history of consumption and estimated exposure.



Background

Regulation (EC) No 1332/2008 on food enzymes covers enzymes that are added to food to perform a technological function, including use as processing aids. The Regulation establishes a Community List of approved food enzymes, their conditions of use in foods, and labelling requirements. All new and existing food enzymes must undergo an authorisation procedure prior to inclusion on the Community list. The deadline for submitting an application for inclusion of a food enzyme for formal authorisation in the European Union (EU) was March 11, 2015.

Your challenge

The Community List of Food Enzymes will be established once all the dossiers submitted by the deadline for “existing” enzymes have been reviewed by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). There are more than 300 of these and EFSA is unlikely to complete this process before 2021.

Once the Community List of food enzymes is published and placed into effect, only those enzymes included in the list may be placed on the market and used in foods. Any new food enzyme used as a processing aid to make a food or food ingredient in the EU must undergo a review by EFSA before being adopted into the list. This includes enzymes used to make novel foods and flavours, but excludes enzymes used to make food additives.

Our solutions

Intertek Assuris offers the expertise necessary to provide reliable advice in the area of food enzymes.

Our services include:

- Identification of the appropriate regulatory strategy and data requirements for a submission;
- Conducting a feasibility assessment and providing recommendations for generation of information for identified technical and scientific data gaps;
- Preparing dossiers for submission to regulatory agencies for approval of use of an enzyme in the European Union; and
- Providing stewardship of applications through the complex scientific review by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and regulatory procedures (The European Commission and Member States) to approval.

The Intertek advantage

Intertek Assuris consultants have been successfully delivering expert advice for over 25 years. Our European office is well-positioned to liaise with the European Commission and the European Food Safety Authority on behalf of our clients. Our extensive expertise in food ingredients, additives and enzymes ensures that we help bring your products to market in a timely and efficient manner.

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