

**EFFA Guidance Document on the determination of Food Sources  
under the EC-Regulation on Flavourings**

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The Flavouring Regulation (Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008) distinguishes between “food source materials” and “source materials other than food”; products obtained from the latter type need to undergo a safety evaluation and approval (according to Art. 9 of that Regulation).

The purpose of the present document is to provide a set of elements for the assessment of the status of source materials and to be able to distinguish between both types of “source materials”.

In the first case “evidence of use” of a source material for the production of flavourings can be demonstrated; in such cases the products do not have to undergo a safety evaluation and approval.

In the second case (where the “evidence of use” cannot be demonstrated) the manufacturer will have to assess the status of a given source material and, where indicated, file a dossier for safety evaluation by EFSA according to the Common Authorization Procedure (CAP) under Regulation (EC) No 1331/2008. Elements that enable to qualify the source material as a “food source material” are provided in the attached Guidance Document.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact EFFA at [info@effa.eu](mailto:info@effa.eu) or your respective national association.

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