

Union List of Flavouring Substances

Amendment to the Union List Part A (Annex I to Flavouring Regulation)

Inclusion of gamma-glutamyl-valyl-glycine

Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/54, adopted on 19 January and published on 20 January 2016, amends the List of flavouring substances.

It relates to the authorisation of a new substance: gamma-glutamyl-valyl-glycine [FL-no: 17.038].

Background

This Information Letter informs about the adoption and publication of **Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/54** amending the list of flavouring substances (Annex I Part A to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008).

This Regulation includes in the Union List a new flavouring substance: gamma-glutamyl-valyl-glycine [FL-no: 17.038].

EFSA concluded that its use does not give rise to safety concerns at its estimated level of intake as a flavouring substance.

Restriction of use

The flavouring substance FL-no 17.038 can have other purposes than flavouring. In order to better separate the functions, the legislator decided to set restrictions for the use as flavouring substance.

Food categories in which FL-no 17.038 is authorized	Maximum level in the food category
1 - Dairy products and analogues	50 mg/kg
2 - Fats and oils and fat and oil emulsions	60 mg/kg
5 – Confectionery	60 mg/kg
6.3 - Breakfast cereals	160 mg/kg
7.2 - Fine bakery wares	60 mg/kg
8 – Meat	45 mg/kg
12 - Salts, spices, soups, sauces, salads and protein products	160 mg/kg
14.1 - Non-alcoholic beverages	15 mg/kg
15 - Ready-to-eat savouries and snacks	160 mg/kg

Remark: Categories 6.3 and 7.2 are not mentioned in Section 1 of Annex I Part A which describes the content of the list. However, the description of Column 7 (Restrictions of Use) mentioned that the food categories are those laid down in Annex II of Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 on food additives.

Thirteen flavouring substances in the UL are now subject to restrictions of use.

Adoption, publication and application

The current amendment of the Union List of flavouring substances has been adopted on 19 January 2016 and published in the Official Journal on 20 January 2016 [L 13/40]:

- **Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/54** of 19 January 2016 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards inclusion of gamma-glutamyl-valyl-glycine in the Union list of flavouring substances.

http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2016.013.01.0040.01.ENG&toc=OJ:L:2016:013:TOC

This Regulation shall enter into force the 20th day following its publication, i.e. on 9 February 2016.

It shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

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

EFFA Secretariat – 20 January 2016

Enclosures:

Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/54 of 19 January 2016 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards inclusion of gamma-glutamyl-valyl-glycine in the Union list of flavouring substances. (FL/16/04)

For information – UL part A, History of changes:

Date of publication	Reference	Subject matter	EFFA Info. Letter
2 October 2012	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 872/2012	Adoption of the list of flavouring substances (UL, Annex I Part A)	EFFA IL 12/07
15 June 2013	Commission Regulation (EU) No 545/2013	Removal of substance 3-acetyl-2,5-dimethylthiophene from the UL	EFFA IL 13/10 & 13/11
15 October 2013	Commission Regulation (EU) No 985/2013	23 fully evaluated substances (deletion of footnotes) and corrections	EFFA IL 13/21
14 March 2014	Commission Regulation (EU) No 246/2014	Removal of 19 flavouring substances (Non Supported substances) from the UL	EFFA IL 14/03
18 October 2014	Commission Regulation (EU) No 1098/2014	8 fully evaluated substances (deletion of footnotes) and corrections	EFFA IL 14/13
25 April 2015	Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/648	Removal of substance N-Ethyl (2E,6Z)-nonadienamide from the UL	EFFA IL 15/04
9 July 2015	Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1102	Removal of 5 Footnote-10 substances from the UL	EFFA IL 15/07
2 October 2015	Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1760	Removal of perilla aldehyde [FL-no: 05.117]	EFFA IL 15/11
20 January 2016	Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/54	New authorised flavouring substance: gamma-glutamyl-valyl-glycine [FL-no: 17.038]	EFFA IL 16/01
20 January 2016	Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/55	5 fully evaluated substances (deletions of footnotes), corrections of name and specifications, restrictions of use defined for one substance.	EFFA IL 16/02