

Union List of Flavouring Substances

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

Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/178, adopted on 10 February and published on 11 February 2016, amends the List of flavouring substances. It relates to the removal of five substances for which applications for authorisation were withdrawn and/or which are no longer supported.

ff Background

This Information Letter informs about the adoption and publication of **Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/178** amending the list of flavouring substances (Annex I Part A to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008).

This Regulation removes the following five (5) flavouring substances from the Union List (UL):

FL-no	Chemical Name	CAS-no	JECFA-no	CoE-no	FEMA-no
02.214	Vetiverol	89-88-3	1866	10321	4217
09.821	Vetiveryl acetate	117-98-6	1867	11887	4218
14.079	2-Acetyl-1,4,5,6-tetrahydropyridin	27300-27-2	-	-	-
14.168	2-Propionyl pyrroline 1% vegetable oil triglycerides	133447-37-7	1605	-	4063
12.266	Methyl-2-mercaptopropionate	53907-46-3	-	-	-

These substances are deleted from the UL because they are no longer supported by the person(s) responsible for placing on the market and/or applications for authorisation have been withdrawn.

In its Information Letter N° 1512 (June 2014), IOFI explained that:

- Vetiverol and Vetiveryl acetate: *Both materials have been misidentified as chemically defined flavouring substances. They are not used nor seem to exist as chemically defined substances.*
- 2-Acetyl-1,4,5,6-tetrahydropyridine: *The IOFI/EFFA team has been unable to locate a stable sample of this substance for testing. Moreover, there has been no reported poundage (worldwide) for this material since 2004.*

ff Adoption, publication and application

This modification of the Union List of flavouring substances has been adopted on 10 February 2016 and published in the Official Journal on 11 February 2016 [L 35/6]:

- o **Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/178** of 10 February 2016 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards removal from the Union list of certain flavouring substances.

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32016R0178&from=EN>

This Regulation shall enter into force the 20th day following its publication, i.e. on 2 March 2016.

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

Transitional period

Foods containing the five flavouring substances mentioned in the Annex to this Regulation, which are lawfully placed on the market or labelled prior to 6 months after the date of entry into force of this Regulation (i.e. 2 September 2016) but which do not comply with Part A of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008, may be marketed until their date of minimum durability or use by date.

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

EFFA Secretariat – 11 February 2016

Enclosures:

Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/178 of 10 February 2016 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards removal from the Union list of certain flavouring substances. (FL/16/08)

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
11 February 2016	Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/178	Removal of 5 flavouring substances (Non Supported substances) from the UL	EFFA IL 16/03