

**EFFA Position Paper on the use of flavourings and other ingredients  
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The objective of this document is to provide the current legal framework regarding food intended for infants and young children and EFFA's position on the use of flavourings and other ingredients in such foods.

The key messages are:

- ✓ Based on our interpretation, the use of flavouring substances listed in the Union List of Flavourings and Source Materials is permitted in food intended for infants and young children in accordance with good manufacturing practices unless specific restrictions apply in the Union List.
- ✓ The use of flavourings in products intended for children below 4 months is not supported by EFFA.
- ✓ In Member States where national provisions that regulate food intended for infants and young children do not refer to the use of flavourings, Regulations (EC) No 1334/2008 and 872/2012 (EU Union List) are applicable. According to Regulation (EC) No 872/2012 Member States may apply national provisions which are more restrictive than Part A of the Union List with regard to the use of flavouring substances in food intended for infants and young children

This is an **internal position paper** that can be used by the Flavour Industry to answer questions from customers, retailers, authorities and other stakeholders.

This document will not be shared externally (until further notice), except with SNE (*Specialised Nutrition Europe*) [former IDACE] which is the organisation representing the producers of foods intended for infants and young children such as Follow-on Formula, Milk-Based drinks for young children, Processed Cereal-based Foods and Baby foods, and dietary Foods for Special Medical Purposes (FSMPs).

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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