

EU amends the list of flavouring substances approved for use in foods

EU has recently published **Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/637** to amend the Union List (UL) of flavouring substances approved for use in foods (Annex I, Part A to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008).

The new regulation makes the removal of 4 flavouring substances from the UL of flavouring substances approved for use in foods as follows:

Flavouring Substances	FL No.
2,6,6-Trimethyl-1-cyclohexen-1-Carboxaldehyde	05.121
Myrtenylformate	09.272
Myrtenyl-2-methylbutyrate	09.889
Myrtenyl-3-methylbutyrate	09.900

According to **EFSA (European Food Safety Authority)**, these substances were additionally concluded as “potential safety concern” (genotoxicity). And, the survey revealed that they are no longer used in EU, so the industry do not supported for their safety assessment anymore.

The regulation will come into force, the 20th day following the publication, so these substances prohibited in EU on 13 May 2016.

However, it is allowed for transition period that foods containing the mentioned 4 flavouring substances that were on the market or imported into the Union from the third country before 13 May 2016, maybe marketed until their date of minimum durability or use by date.

More information of this regulation can be viewed at <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32016R0637&from=EN>

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