

## REGULATIONS NOT HARMONISED AT EUROPEAN LEVEL

# PROCESSING AIDS

## SCOPE

Any substance that is not eaten as a food ingredient and that is deliberately used for processing raw materials, foodstuffs or their ingredients, to meet a given technological objective (i.e., filtration or decolourisation – Using the processing aid may result in the non-intentional content of technically inevitable residues in the finished product, provided that the said residues do not present any health hazard and have no technological effects on the finished product.

The regulations apply to processing aids belonging to the categories listed in the Appendix to Decree No 2001-725, used or intended for use in the manufacture of goods intended for human food.

## REGULATIONS

Processing aids are not framed by harmonised regulations at European level (except for extraction solvents and enzyme preparations).

French regulations on processing aids are currently being adapted to reflect the European context. As from 2011, prior marketing authorisations should only be required for certain categories of processing aids.

### FRENCH REGULATIONS

■ [Decree No 2001-725 of 31 July 2001](#) concerning the processing aids which may be used in the manufacture of foodstuffs intended for human consumption

Applications for authorisation for marketing and use, which are filed with the Directorate General for Competition Policy, Consumer Affairs and Fraud Control (DGCCRF), are assessed by the French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety (ANSES). Authorisations for use are issued by Interministerial order.

The [Order of 19 October 2006 \(amended\)](#) establishes the list of authorised processing aids except for extraction solvents used to manufacture flavourings, for which the list is set by:

The [Order of 27 August 2009](#) also specifies foodstuffs to which processing aids may be added and the maximum doses.

### EUROPEAN REGULATIONS

■ [Regulation \(EC\) No 1332/2008](#) of 16 December 2008 on food enzymes

■ [Directive 2009/32/EC](#) of 23 April 2009 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States on extraction solvents used in the production of foodstuffs and food ingredients amended by [Directive 2010/59/EU of 26 August 2010](#)

## **CONTACTS**

### ➤ **AUTHORITY RESPONSIBLE FOR REGULATIONS**

- *Ministère de l'économie et des finances* (Ministry for the Economy and Finance) :
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- Syndicat Professionnel des Producteurs d'Auxiliaires pour l'Industrie Laitière  
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## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

- There is an information sheet and a full overview of regulations on the DGCCRF's website :  
[http://www.dgccrf.bercy.gouv.fr/documentation/panorama/themes/auxiliaires\\_technologiques.htm](http://www.dgccrf.bercy.gouv.fr/documentation/panorama/themes/auxiliaires_technologiques.htm) ;  
[http://www.dgccrf.bercy.gouv.fr/securite/produits\\_alimentaires/index.htm](http://www.dgccrf.bercy.gouv.fr/securite/produits_alimentaires/index.htm)

- An ANSES information sheet is available here : <http://www.anses.fr/>  
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