

Outcome of step 2 of the call for data on sorbic acid/sorbates (E 200-203):

- Data on genotoxicity of calcium sorbate (E 203): No business operator has committed to generating the requested genotoxicity data for calcium sorbate. Consequently the European Commission is considering the risk management options that can be taken about this substance.
- Data on reproductive toxicity of sorbic acid/potassium sorbate: An extended one-generation reproductive toxicity study in rats including the second generation by diet according to OECD 443, will be provided by a consortium of interested business operators.

The timelines for the study are the following:

Activity	Timeline
Preliminary study	Ongoing
Final report of preliminary study	April 2017
Main study	Ongoing
Experimental completion date	May 2017
Final report of main study	February 2018

- Data on the lowest achievable limits for the impurities of toxic elements (lead, mercury and arsenic) for sorbic acid and its salts: The Commission received some information from one producer, but encourages all producers to provide data.
- Data on the use of divalent transition metals as catalysts in the manufacturing process of sorbic acid: The Commission received some information from one producer, but encourages all producers to provide data.