

Addition of “α-dextrin” and “alpha-dextrin” in the permitted labelling requirements for the already authorized novel food “α-cyclodextrin”

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Identification

Authorised novel food:	α-cyclodextrin
Chemical name:	Cyclohexaamylose
CAS No.:	10016-20-3
Synonyms:	α-cyclodextrin, α-dextrin, cyclohexaamylose, cyclomaltohexaose, α-cycloamylose
Chemical formula:	(C ₆ H ₁₀ O ₅) ₆
Molecular weight:	972,85

Authorisation

The novel food ingredient α-cyclodextrin has been authorized by Commission Decision 2008/413/EC of 26 May 2008 under Regulation (EC) No 258/97.

Summary

This novel food application concerns the request for a change in the specific labelling requirements of the authorized novel food α-cyclodextrin. The application aims to include “α-dextrin” and “alpha-dextrin” in the additional specific labelling requirements of the Union list of novel foods.

Commission Decision 2008/413/EC authorized α-cyclodextrin as a novel food under Regulation (EC) No 258/97. According to the specifications listed in the Annex to this Decision, possible synonyms are “α-cyclodextrin”, “α-dextrin”, “cyclohexaamylose”, “cyclomaltohexaose” and “α-cycloamylase”. There are several instances where “α-dextrin” is used to refer to α-cyclodextrin in official documents. These have been compiled in the application.

However, only “Alpha-cyclodextrin” and “α-cyclodextrin” are listed in the Union list of novel foods as specific labelling requirement for the novel food α-cyclodextrin. The possibility to use this shorter and less complicated synonym of α-cyclodextrin would simplify ingredient lists and improve their comprehensibility.

Thus, the entry for specific labelling requirements for α-cyclodextrin would read:

“The designation of the novel food on the labelling of foodstuffs containing it shall be ‘Alpha-cyclodextrin’, ‘α-cyclodextrin’, ‘alpha-dextrin’ or ‘α-dextrin’.”