

Allergen labelling of certain emulsifiers from mustard seed

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Regulation

Draft Commission Delegated Regulation amending Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the provision of food information to consumers, as regards behenic acid from mustard seeds to be used in the manufacturing of certain emulsifiers

What is changing and why?

Products from mustard seeds must be labelled for allergens. However, the European Commission has proposed that foods containing the emulsifiers E 470a, E 471, and E 477, which use behenic acid from mustard seed, do not need to be labelled as allergens. This follows a risk assessment that concluded consumption of these emulsifiers would not trigger an allergic reaction.

Actions

Exporters of food products containing the emulsifiers E 470a, E 471, and E 477 (but no other mustard seed products) should amend labelling to remove reference to mustard seed allergies.

Timeline

Proposed date of application: **1 April 2025**.

Food placed on the market or labelled before 1 April 2025 with allergen labelling included for E 470a, E 471, and E 477 can be sold until the stocks are exhausted.

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