Changes to specifications of the novel food galacto-oligosaccharide

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Regulation (EU) 2024/1027 as regards the specifications of the novel food galacto-oligosaccharide

What is changing and why?

The EU has removed the requirement for a minimum level of galactose in galacto-oligosaccharide. Previously this novel food ingredient had to contain at least 0.8% galactose (a type of sugar). Now this minimum requirement has been removed and galacto-oligosaccharide no longer needs to contain a specific amount of galactose to be approved for use in foods. The EU noted that galactose has a history of safe use in normal diets and does not raise safety concerns.

Timeline

The Regulation will enter into force on **28 April 2024**.

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