

Flavouring substance benzene-1,2-diol

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Regulation

[Draft](#) Regulation as regards the removal of the flavouring substance Benzene-1,2-diol (FL No. 04.029) from the Union list

[Draft Annex](#)

What is changing and why?

The European Commission proposes to ban the use of benzene-1,2-diol (FL No. 04.029) due to concerns about its genotoxicity.

Actions

Companies that export food products containing these flavourings can look for alternative substances in the [Food Flavourings Database](#).

Timeline

The removal of benzene-1,2-diol from the EU list is expected from approximately the fourth quarter of 2024. Foods containing this substance exported before the Regulation applies may stay on the EU market until their use-by date.

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