

Flavouring substance benzene-1,2-diol

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Regulation (EU) [2024/2856](#) on the removal of the flavouring substance benzene-1,2-diol (FL No. 04.029) from the Union list

What is changing and why?

The European Commission has banned 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

Applies from **3 December 2024**.

Foods containing this substance exported before this may stay on the EU market until their use-by date.

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