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.

For more information see the full record on the AGRINFO website – where you can also view the latest AGRINFO Update newsletters and search the database.

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