Flavourings: 3-[3-(2-isopropyl-5-methyl-cyclohexyl)-ureido]-butyric acid ethyl ester, and hesperetin dihydrochalcone

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Commission Regulation (EU) 2026/172 as regards the inclusion of 3-[3-(2-isopropyl-5-methyl-cyclohexyl)-ureido]-butyric acid ethyl ester in the Union list of flavourings and correcting certain CAS numbers

Commission Regulation (EU) 2026/175 as regards the inclusion of hesperetin dihydrochalcone in the Union list of flavourings

What is changing and why?

The European Union (EU) has approved two flavourings – 3-[3-(2-isopropyl-5-methyl-cyclohexyl)-ureido]-butyric acid ethyl ester, and hesperetin dihydrochalcone – for use in certain types of food (see Tables 1 and 2).

Timeline

Products in Tables 1 and 2 containing 3-[3-(2-isopropyl-5-methyl-cyclohexyl)-ureido]-butyric acid ethyl ester, and hesperetin dihydrochalcone, respectively, can be placed on the EU market from **15 February 2026**.

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Tables & Figures

Table 1
Permitted food categories and conditions of use for 3-[3-(2-isopropyl-5-methyl-cyclohexyl)-ureido]-butyric acid ethyl ester

Food category	Description	Quantity of flavouring: not more than (mg/kg)
1.7	Cheese and cheese products	6
1.8	Dairy analogues, including beverage whiteners – **only for use in cheese analogues**	6
2.1	Fats and oils essentially free from water (excluding anhydrous milk fat)	8
4.2	Processed fruit and vegetables – **only for use in vegetables**	8
8.2	Meat preparations (as defined by Regulation 853/2004)	8
8.3	Meat products	8
9.2	Processed fish and fishery products including molluscs and crustaceans	8
10.2	Processed eggs and egg products	10
12.2	Herbs, spices, seasonings	20
12.5	Soups and broths	10
12.6	Sauces	10
14.1	Non-alcoholic beverages	1.7
15.1	Potato-, cereal-, flour-, or starch-based snacks	20

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Table 2
Permitted food categories and conditions of use for hesperetin dihydrochalcone

Food category	Description	Quantity of flavouring: not more than (mg/kg)
1.4	Flavoured fermented milk products, including heat-treated products	10
3	Edible ices	10
4.2	Processed fruit and vegetables	10
5.2	Other confectionery, including breath-refreshing microsweets	10
5.3	Meat products	10
6.3	Breakfast cereals	10
7.1	Bread and rolls – **only for use in savoury crackers**	10
7.2	Fine bakery wares	10
12.2	Herbs, spices, seasonings	10
12.6	Sauces	10
14.1	Non-alcoholic beverages	10
14.2.1	Beer and malt beverages	10
15.1	Potato-, cereal-, flour-, or starch-based snacks	10
16	Desserts (excluding products covered in categories 1, 3, 4) – **only for use in dairy-, dairy analogue-, fruit-, and vegetable-based desserts**	10

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