Food additives: polyvinylpolypyrrolidone E 1202

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EU approves polyvinylpolypyrrolidone (E 1202) as a carrier

Commission Regulation (EU) 2025/1337 of 10 July 2025 amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of polyvinylpolypyrrolidone (E 1202) as a carrier in colour tablets for the decorative colouring of poultry eggshells

Update

The European Union (EU) has approved polyvinylpolypyrrolidone (E 1202) as a carrier in colour tablets for the decorative colouring of poultry eggshells. This additive will be included in the EU list of permitted food additives.

What is changing?

The EU has approved polyvinylpolypyrrolidone (E 1202) as a carrier in colour tablets for the decorative colouring of poultry eggshells, for use at *quantum satis* level (a level not higher than necessary to achieve the intended purpose). This additive will be included in the EU list of permitted food additives (Regulation 1333/2008, Annex III).

Why?

The European Commission has determined that additional dietary exposure to polyvinylpolypyrrolidone (E 1202), when used in colour tablets for the decorative colouring of poultry eggshells, is negligible and is not liable to affect human health. No further evaluation in addition to a previous assessment by EFSA (2020) was therefore required.

Timeline

This new use of polyvinylpolypyrrolidone (E 1202) is permitted from **31 July 2025**.

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Background

Annex III of Regulation 1333/2008 presents a list of food additives approved for use in food additives, food enzymes, food flavourings, and nutrients, and sets out conditions of use for each additive.

Polyvinylpolypyrrolidone (E 1202) is already authorised for use at *quantum satis* level in tabletop sweeteners and food supplements, and as a carrier in sweeteners.

Resources

EFSA (2020) Re-evaluation of polyvinylpyrrolidone (E 1201) and polyvinylpolypyrrolidone (E 1202) as food additives and extension of use of polyvinylpyrrolidone (E 1201). EFSA Journal, 18(8): e06215.

Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 on food additives

Sources

Commission Regulation (EU) 2025/1337 as regards the use of polyvinylpolypyrrolidone (E 1202) as a carrier in colour tablets for the decorative colouring of poultry eggshells

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