Food additives: sodium ascorbate (E 301)

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Commission Regulation (EU) 2025/1150 amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 as regards the use of sodium ascorbate (E 301) in vitamin A preparations intended for infant formula and follow-on formula

What is changing and why?

E 301 is now permitted in vitamin A preparations at a maximum level of 50,000 mg/kg, with a maximum carry-over of 1 mg/l in infant formula and follow-on formula. The use of E 301 in microencapsulated vitamin A preparations improves their stability and avoids loss of vitamin A. This reduces the need to "overdose" vitamin A during production to ensure sufficient vitamin A content in infant formula.

Actions

Operators can now use vitamin A preparations containing sodium ascorbate (E 301) in infant and follow-on formula exports to the EU, provided the carry-over does not exceed 1 mg/l and all conditions of use are respected.

Timeline

The new use of E 301 is permitted from **2 July 2025**.

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