Food additives: sorbic acid (E 200) and potassium sorbate (E 202)

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EU approves combined use of E 200 and E 202 in non-heat-treated plant-based mousses

Commission Regulation (EU) 2025/2060 of 14 October 2025 amending Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of sorbic acid (E 200) and potassium sorbate (E 202) in non-heat-treated plant-based mousses

Update

The European Union (EU) has approved the combined use of sorbic acid (E 200) and potassium sorbate (E 202) in non-heat-treated plant-based mousses. The EU has determined that additional dietary exposure to this additive through this new use is not liable to affect human health.

Impacted products

Desserts, plant-based mousses

What is changing?

The EU has approved the combined use of sorbic acid (E 200) and potassium sorbate (E 202) as a preservative in non-heat-treated plant-based mousses at a maximum level of 500 mg/kg. This use will be included in the EU list of permitted food additives (Regulation 1333/2008, Annex II) under food category 16.

Why?

The European Commission has determined that this use of sorbic acid (E 200) and potassium sorbate (E 202) is not liable to have an effect on human health. Exposure to these additives will not increase significantly, and will remain under the acceptable daily intake (ADI) established by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA 2019).

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Timeline

The new use of sorbic acid–potassium sorbate is permitted from **4 November 2025**.

Background

Sorbic acid (E 200) and potassium sorbate (E 202) are regulated as a group, "sorbic acid–potassium sorbate (E 200–202)", and are authorised for combined use in a wide variety of foods.

The Union list of food additives (Regulation (EC) 1333/2008) lists additives that are approved for use in foods in the EU, and their conditions of use. The Union list may be updated either on the initiative of the European Commission, or following an application from an EU Member State or another interested party (Art. 3(1)).

Resources

EFSA (2019) Opinion on the follow-up of the re-evaluation of sorbic acid (E200) and potassium sorbate (E202) as food additives. EFSA Journal, 17(3): e05625.

Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 on food additives

Sources

Commission Regulation (EU) 2025/2060 as regards the use of sorbic acid (E 200) and potassium sorbate (E 202) in non-heat-treated plant-based mousses

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