Food additives: Steviol glycosides

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Commission Regulation (EU) 2026/2309 […] as regards specifications for enzymatically produced steviol glycosides to include rebaudioside M produced via enzymatic conversion of highly purified rebaudioside A stevia leaf extract (E 960c(ii)) using the genetically modified yeast *K. phaffii* CGMCC 7539

What is changing and why?

The European Union (EU) has updated the production specifications for rebaudioside M (E 960c(ii)), a stevia-based sweetener, to allow the use of enzymes produced by the genetically modified yeast strain *K. phaffii* CGMCC 7539 in its production. This follows an assessment by the European Food Safety Authority. For kaurenoic acid, a substance that may be present as an impurity, a limit of 0.3 mg/kg has been introduced.

Timeline

This authorisation applies from **8 November 2026**.

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