

Food contact materials: authorised substances

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Regulation

Regulation (EU) [2023/1442](#) on plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with food, as regards changes to substance authorisations and addition of new substances

What is changing and why?

The EU has reviewed the substances that may be used in the manufacture of plastic materials designed to come into contact with food (food contact materials, FCM). For safety reasons, untreated wood flour and fibres, and salicylic acid, will no longer be authorised.

New conditions of use are established for certain other substances. These are given in the Annex to the Regulation.

Actions

Operators will need to ensure that packaged products comply with the requirements in the Regulation in order to continue exporting to the EU market. Suppliers of packaged food to the EU market should inform packaging suppliers about the prohibition on the use in plastic materials of untreated wood flour and fibres, and of salicylic acid.

Timeline

The Regulation applies from **1 August 2023**.

There will be a transition period to allow the sale of existing stocks: plastic materials containing these substances which were first placed on the market before 1 February 2025 may remain on the EU market until stocks are exhausted.

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