New restrictions on the use of certain flavouring substances

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Regulation (EU) 2024/238 as regards the introduction of restrictions on the use of certain flavouring substances

What is changing and why?

As the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) needs to carry out more studies on the safety of the food flavourings 2-phenylcrotonaldehyde, 5-methyl-2-phenylhex-2-enal, and 4-methyl-2-phenylpent-2-enal, the European Commission has limited the quantities of these substances that may be used in foods.

Actions

Exporters of foods containing the flavourings 2-phenylcrotonaldehyde, 5-methyl-2-phenylhex-2-enal, and 4-methyl-2-phenylpent-2-enal should make sure the amounts used are not greater than those currently authorised in food manufacturing.

Timeline

The new restrictions apply from **5 February 2024**.

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