Novel food: inulin-propionate ester

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Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/1219 authorising the placing on the market of inulin-propionate ester as a novel food

What is changing and why?

The European Union (EU) has authorised inulin-propionate ester as a novel food for use in cereal bars and fruit smoothies. The European Food Safety Authority has concluded that it is safe under specified conditions.

The authorised maximum levels are 17 g per 100 g in cereal bars, and 3 g per 100 ml in fruit smoothies. The ingredient must be labelled on foods as “inulin-propionate ester”. To ensure safety, the Regulation also sets specific chemical and microbiological criteria for this ingredient.

For the first 5 years, only Imperial College Hammersmith Campus, the original applicant, may place this novel food on the EU market, unless it gives permission or another applicant obtains a separate authorisation based on independent data.

Timeline

This novel food may be placed on the EU market from **30 June 2026**.

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