# Processing aids for yeast fermentation in reduced-sugar fruit juices

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Draft Commission Delegated Regulation amending Council Directive 2001/112/EC as regards processing aids for yeast fermentation [download]

## What is changing and why?

The European Union (EU) intends to authorise the processing aids sodium citrate, diammonium phosphate, yeast autolysate, and thiamine hydrochloride for the production of reduced-sugar fruit juices. Processing aids can improve the fermentation process and the quality of the final reduced-sugar juice, reducing their naturally occurring sugar content by at least 30% while maintaining the essential characteristics of the original fruit juice.

Table 1 lists the substances and maximum quantities that will be authorised for use in producing reduced-sugar fruit juices.

## Actions

Feedback via the European Commission's Have your say platform closed on 26 May 2026; feedback to the World Trade Organization (G/TBT/N/EU/1210) closed on 20 July 2026.

## Timeline

The Regulation is expected to be published in the third quarter of 2026, and will apply 20 days after its publication.

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## Tables & Figures

Table 1
Substances proposed for authorisation as processing aids in producing reduced-sugar fruit juices

| Purpose | Processing aid | Maximum quantity (ppm) |
|---|---|---|
| Yeast rehydration | Sodium citrate | 20 |
| Yeast nutrition | Diammonium phosphate (DAP) | 1,000 |
| | Yeast autolysate | *Quantum satis** |
| | Thiamine hydrochloride | 0.6 |

* *Quantum satis*: no fixed maximum level is set, but the substance must be used only at the level necessary to achieve the intended technological effect.

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