

Protein hydrolysates in infant and follow-on formula

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Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) [2025/2017](#) as regards the protein-related requirements for infant and follow-on formula manufactured from protein hydrolysates

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) [2024/2684](#) as regards the protein-related requirements for infant and follow-on formula manufactured from protein hydrolysates

What is changing and why?

The European Union (EU) has updated the compositional requirements for the content, source, processing, and quality of protein for infant and follow-on formula manufactured from protein hydrolysates. This follows an evaluation by the European Food Safety Authority of a specific protein hydrolysate: protein from cow's milk consisting of 100% whey protein concentrate with a minimum protein content of 80%. The conditions of use are set out in the Annex to Regulation [2016/127](#).

In 2024, the European Commission approved a specific protein hydrolysate derived from whey protein for use in infant formula and follow-on formula.

Timeline

The Regulation applies from **1 January 2026**.

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