

# 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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