Use of quillaia extract in food supplements

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What is changing and why?

The European Union (EU) has extended its approval of quillaia extract (E 999) to include solid and liquid food supplements. Quillaia extract was already approved in the EU as an emulsifier in spray-dried flavourings.

The EU has also set stricter specifications for quillaia extract, including stricter maximum limits for toxic elements.

An evaluation by the European Food Safety Authority has concluded that the current and proposed new use of quillaia extract does not pose a risk to any population group.

Timeline

The new use of quillaia extract in food supplements is permitted from **9 November 2025**.

The new, stricter specifications apply from **9 May 2026**. Quillaia extract placed on the market before 9 May 2026 in accordance with previous specifications can be sold until stocks are exhausted. Foods containing quillaia extract placed on the market before 9 May 2026 in accordance with previous specifications may remain on the market until their use-by date.

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