



Association of Manufacturers and Formulators of Enzyme Products

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Amfep registers as interested party for re-evaluation of invertase and lysozyme

The Association of Manufacturers and Formulators of Enzyme Products – Amfep – has notified the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) that it wishes to be registered as the interested party for the re-evaluation of the food enzymes invertase and lysozyme.

Context

On 23 November 2009, in response to the ongoing re evaluation program covering all food additives EFSA's Scientific Panel on food Additives and Nutrient Sources added to Food (ANS) issued two calls for data concerning, amongst others, lysozyme (included in the call for preservatives and antioxidants) and invertase (included in the call for emulsifiers, stabilisers and gelling agents), two food enzymes, which are the only enzymes considered as food additives by this Directive 1995/2 CE.

The interested parties have been invited to register their contact details and by April 2010 (for preservatives and antioxidants, including lysozyme) and by May 2010 (for emulsifiers, stabilisers and gelling agents, including invertase) provide details of the information available. After this deadline, additional information regarding lysozyme and invertase can be submitted to EFSA providing it is before 31.12.2013.

Lysozyme and Invertase

In March 2010, Amfep requested EFSA to be registered as the interested party for both lysozyme and invertase and provided a description of information available to date.

In addition, Amfep informed EFSA that that, on the basis of the Article 18 of Regulation (EC) No 1332/2008 on food enzymes, both lysozyme and invertase will be transferred to the Community list of food enzymes as soon as this list is drawn up.

Therefore, Amfep intends to submit an application for the inclusion of invertase and lysozyme in the Community list of food enzymes as described in Article 17 of above mentioned Regulation.

According to this Article, the deadline for submitting the application is 24 months after the application of the Implementing Measures for preparing dossiers for food enzymes, which is expected to be published by the Commission by January 2011.

The submissions will consist of the full dossiers for invertase and lysozyme according to the Guidance of the Scientific Panel of Food Contact Material, Enzymes, Flavourings and Processing Aids (CEF) on the Submission of a Dossier on Food Enzymes for Safety Evaluation by the Scientific Panel of Food Contact Material, Enzymes, Flavourings and Processing Aids¹.

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More information:

EFSA Call for Preservatives and antioxidants:

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/data/call/ans091123a.htm>

EFSA Call for Emulsifiers, stabilisers and gelling agents:

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/data/call/ans091123.htm>

For more information on Amfep go to www.amfep.org

¹ Question No EFSA-Q-2007-080, Adopted after public consultation and discussion in the Panel, 23 July 2009.