

Call for food additives usage level and/or concentration data in food and beverages intended for human consumption

Deadline for data submission: 31th May 2016

Background

Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008¹ of the European Parliament and the Council on food additives requires that food additives are subject to a safety evaluation by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) before they are permitted for use in the European Union. In addition, it is foreseen that food additives must be kept under continuous observation and must be re-evaluated by EFSA.

For this purpose, a programme for the re-evaluation of food additives that were already permitted in the European Union before 20 January 2009 has been set up under Commission Regulation (EU) No 257/2010 of 25 March 2010². This Regulation also foresees that food additives are re-evaluated whenever necessary in light of changing conditions of use and new scientific information. For efficiency and practical purposes, the re-evaluation should, as far as possible, be conducted by grouping food additives according to the main functional class to which they belong. The order of specific priorities for the re-evaluation of the currently approved food additives is listed in Annex II of Commission Regulation (EU) No 257/2010.

Deadline for submission of data

The deadline for the submission of data (**Batch 4**) is **31st May 2016**, and details are listed in Table 1.

Further calls for data in relation to the food additives re-evaluation work programme will be published according to the deadlines laid down in Reg. (EU) No 257/2010.

Table 1: List of food additives for which usage levels and/or concentration data are requested (Batch 4)

E number	Substance
E 400	Alginic acid
E 401	Sodium alginate
E 402	Potassium alginate
E 403	Ammonium alginate

¹ Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on food additives. OJ L 354, 31.12.2008, p.16.

² Commission Regulation (EU) No 257/2010 of 25 March 2010 setting up a programme for the re-evaluation of approved food additives in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on food additives. OJ L 80, 26.03.2010, p. 19.

E number	Substance
E 404	Calcium alginate
E 405	Propane-1, 2-diol alginate
E 426	Soybean hemicellulose
E 440i	Pectin
E 440ii	Amidated pectin
E 460i	Microcrystalline cellulose, Cellulose
E 460ii	Powdered cellulose
E 461	Methyl cellulose
E 462	Ethyl cellulose
E 463	Hydroxypropyl cellulose
E 464	Hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose
E 465	Ethyl methyl cellulose
E 466	Sodium carboxy methyl cellulose,
E 468	Cross-linked sodium carboxy methyl cellulose
E 469	Enzymatically hydrolysed carboxymethylcellulose
E 470a	Sodium, potassium and calcium salts of fatty acids
E 470b	Magnesium salts of fatty acids
E 471	Mono- and diglycerides of fatty acids
E 472a	Acetic acid esters of mono- and diglycerides of fatty acids
E 472b	Lactic acid esters of mono- and diglycerides of fatty acids
E 472c	Citric acid esters of mono- and diglycerides of fatty acids
E 472d	Tartaric acid esters of mono- and diglycerides of fatty acids
E 472e	Mono and diacetyl tartaric acid esters of mono- and diglycerides of fatty acids
E 472f	Mixed acetic and tartaric acid esters of mono- and diglycerides of fatty acids
E 476	Polyglycerol polyricinoleate
E 477	Propane-1,2-diol esters of fatty acids
E 483	Stearyl tartrate
E 551	Silicon dioxide
E 570	Fatty acids (octanoic, deconic, dodecanoic, tetradecanoic, hexadecanoic, octadecanoic, 9-octadecanoic acid)
E 620	Glutamic acid
E 621	Monosodium glutamate
E 622	Monopotassium glutamate
E 623	Calcium diglutamate
E 624	Monoammonium glutamate
E 625	Magnesium diglutamate
E 1404	Oxidised starch

E number	Substance
E 1410	Monostarch phosphate
E 1412	Distarch phosphate
E 1413	Phosphated distarch phosphate
E 1414	Acetylated distarch phosphate
E 1420	Acetylated starch
E 1422	Acetylated distarch adipate
E 1440	Hydroxypropyl starch
E 1442	Hydroxypropyl distarch phosphate
E 1450	Starch sodium octenyl succinate
E 1451	Acetylated oxidised starch
E 1520	Propane-1, 2-diol (propylene glycol)

The mode for data submission is described below. Data provided may be used in the EFSA opinions depending on their quality and exclusion criteria will be indicated in the respective document. In addition, only the data provider organisation will be cited in the EFSA opinions.

Contact details

Please address any technical inquiries regarding the reporting of data to: data.collection@efsa.europa.eu.

Submission of usage level data

Individual food manufacturers and food manufacturer associations are invited to submit data on usage levels of additives in food and beverages for human consumption for the food additives listed in Table 1. In order to streamline the data collection exercise, food manufacturers are invited to liaise with the relevant food manufacturer associations for the data submission.

Data submission of usage levels of approved food additives in food and beverages intended for human consumption should be reported in the template developed for this purpose (MS Excel® AddUseLevTemplate.xls). This format is structured in accordance with the Guidance on Standard Sample Description³ (SSD Guidance) and includes features that support manual data entry.

To submit usage level data please download the zip file "Additive_data_Batch4_submission.zip", which also contains a technical guidance on the use of the reporting template ("Guide_using_Reporting_format_additives.doc"). Please follow the instructions described in the technical guidance for the correct use of the reporting format to avoid compromising its functionalities.

³ European Food Safety Authority; Standard sample description for food and feed. EFSA Journal 2010;8(1):1457 [54 pp.]. <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/doc/1457.pdf>

Should you need any support in filling in the reporting format, please contact data.collection@efsa.europa.eu

Data should be submitted directly to EFSA using the dedicated e-mail address for this service: data.collection@efsa.europa.eu

The documentation needed **to support the data collection on food additives usage levels** is summarised below:

ADD_usage_data_Batch4_submission.zip including the following files:

- MS Excel® AddUseLevTemplate.xls
- MS Excel® StandardSampleDescription_ADD.xls
- Guide_using_Reporting_format_additives.doc

Submission of concentration data (analytical results)

Food manufacturers, national food authorities, research institutions, academia, food business operators, and other stakeholders are invited to submit analytical data on concentration levels in food and beverages intended for human consumption for the food additives listed in Table 1.

Data submission of concentration data (analytical results) on food additives should follow the identical requirements described in the call for continuous collection of chemical contaminants occurrence data in food and feed⁴. Please be aware that it is also mandatory to provide the additive food category number in the field of "Product Comment (S.21)" as described in the "Specific requirements for chemical contaminant and food additive occurrence data submission"⁵.

Data should be transmitted using the EFSA web interface "Data Collection Framework (DCF)" (<https://dcf.efsa.europa.eu/dcf-war>) in the relevant data collection folder (Additives/OCC_GROUP5.2015). In order to receive access to the DCF web interface please contact: data.collection@efsa.europa.eu.

In case data are compiled using the simplified excel file "**MS Excel® GenericReportingFormat.xls**" (available at: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/assets/GenericReportingFormat.xls>), they cannot be directly transmitted using the DCF web interface. In this case data should be sent to the e-mail address: data.collection@efsa.europa.eu.

For the collection of concentration data (analytical results) the general recommendations and mandatory fields apply as specified in the "Specific requirements for chemical contaminant and food additive occurrence data submission".

⁴ Call for continuous collection of chemical contaminants occurrence data in food and feed. Available at EFSA's homepage: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/data/call/datex101217.htm>

⁵ Specific requirements for chemical contaminant and food additive occurrence data submission. Available at EFSA's homepage: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/supporting/pub/833e>