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FOOD, WALES

REGULATED PRODUCTS, WALES

FOOD FLAVOURINGS

Determination of authorisation status: authorisation of 2-hydroxy-4-methoxybenzaldehyde as a flavouring substance to be used in and on food

Explanatory note

(this note is not part of the determination)

This determination is made in relation to Wales by the Welsh Ministers in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 7 of Regulation [\(EC\) No 1331/2008](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a common authorisation procedure for food additives, food enzymes and food flavourings (EUR 2008/1331).

It authorises the use of 2-hydroxy-4-methoxybenzaldehyde as a flavouring substance to be used in or on food.

There has been consultation as required by Article 9 of Regulation [\(EC\) No 178/2002](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety (EUR 2002/178).

Determination

Application and coming into force

1. This determination applies in relation to Wales, and comes into force on 13th October 2025.

Interpretation

2. Any expression used both in this determination and in Regulation (EC) No 1331/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a

common authorisation procedure for food additives, food enzymes and food flavourings (EUR 2008/1331) or Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on flavourings and certain food ingredients with flavouring properties for use in and on foods (EUR 2008/1334) has the same meaning as it has in those Regulations, as the case may be.

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3. 2-hydroxy-4-methoxybenzaldehyde is authorised as a flavouring substance to be used in or on food subject to the conditions set out in the Schedule.

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SCHEDULE

FL number ¹	Chemical name	Chemical Abstract Service (CAS) Registry Number	The Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food additives (JECFA) number	Purity of the named substance at least 95% unless otherwise specified	Restrictions of Use ²
05.229	2-Hydroxy-4-methoxybenzaldehyde	673-22-3	2277	Isolated from <i>Periploca sepium</i>	None

NOTES

1. Ammonium, sodium, potassium and calcium salts as well as chlorides, carbonates and sulphates are covered by the generic substances, providing that they have flavouring properties.
2. If the authorised flavouring substance is a racemate (an equal mixture of optical isomers), both the R- and S- form shall also be authorised for use. If only the R-form has been authorised then the S-form is not covered by this authorisation and vice versa.
3. Maximum levels refer to levels in or on food as marketed. By way of derogation from that principle, for dried and/or concentrated foods which need to be reconstituted the maximum levels shall apply to the food as reconstituted according to the instructions in the labelling taking into account the minimum dilution factor.
4. The presence of a flavouring substance shall be permitted:
 - (a) in a compound food other than as referred to in an authorisation for the flavouring substance concerned, where the flavouring substance is permitted in one of the ingredients of the compound food; (b) in a food which is to be used solely in the preparation of a compound food and provided that the compound food complies with Regulation (EC) No. 1334/2008.

¹ (FL No.): the unique identification number of the substance.

² The use is permitted in accordance with good manufacturing practices.