



Circular No. 24/2019/TT-BYT on the Management and Use of Food Additives

添加剂管理和使用办法

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CIRCULAR

GUIDING THE MANAGEMENT AND USE OF FOOD ADDITIVES

Pursuant to the Law on Food Safety dated June 17, 2010;

Pursuant to the Government's Decree No. 15/2018/ND-CP dated February 2, 2018 detailing the implementation of a number of articles of the Law on Food Safety;

Pursuant to Government's Decree No. 75/2017/ND-CP dated June 20, 2017, on functions, tasks, powers and organizational structure of the Ministry of Health;

At the proposal of the Director of the Food Safety Department;

The Minister of Health promulgates the Circular guiding the management and use of food additives.

Chapter I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. Scope of governing

This Circular provides for the list of food additives; use and management of food additives and responsibilities of relevant agencies, organizations and individuals.

Article 2. Subjects of application

This Circular applies to organizations and individuals involved in manufacture, trade and import of food and food additives for circulation in Vietnam and related agencies, organizations and individuals.

Article 3. Interpretation of terms

In this Circular, the following terms and abbreviations shall be construed as follows:

1. “CAC” stands for the English name of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.
2. “JECFA” is an abbreviation of the English name of the joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives.
3. “*Flavoring*” (food additives) is a substance added to food to affect, adjust or increase the taste of food. Flavorings include flavoring substances, natural flavoring complexes; flavorings used in heat processing or smoke flavorings and mixtures thereof; may contain non-flavoring food ingredients under the conditions specified in section 3.5 of the National Standard TCVN 6417:2010 guiding the use of flavorings. Flavorings do not include substances that simply create sweetness, sourness or saltiness (such as sugar, vinegar or table salt); flavor enhancers are considered food additives in the CAC/GL 36-1989 Codex Class Names and the International Numbering System for Food Additives.
4. “*Non-flavoring food ingredient*” is a food ingredient used as a food additive; a type of food necessary for the production, preservation and transportation of flavorings or being added for dissolution, dispersal or dilution of flavorings.
5. “*Acceptable Daily Intake*” (ADI) is the daily intake of a food additive over a lifetime without significant risk to human health and is expressed as mg per kg of body weight.
6. “*Acceptable daily intake ‘not specified’ or ‘not limited’*” is the daily intake of a food additive of very low toxicity, based on available scientific data on chemistry, biochemistry, toxicology, and other factors. Such intake is maintained at an amount necessary to achieve the desired effects and acceptable without a significant risk to human health.
7. “*Maximum Use Level*” (ML) is the maximum amount of a food additive that is determined to be functionally effective for one kind of food or food category; usually expressed as mg of additive per kg of food or mg of additive per liter of food.
8. “*Mixed food additives with new effects*” is a food additive that contains two (02) or more additives with effects different from those of its components.

Chapter II

REGULATIONS ON THE LIST OF PERMITTED FOOD ADDITIVES

Article 4. Rules for compilation of the list of permitted food additives

1. Ensuring safety for human health.
2. Harmonizing with international standards and regulations on management and use of food additives.
3. Updating according to the recommendations on risk management for food additives of Vietnamese competent authorities, CAC, JECFA and competent authorities of foreign countries.

Article 5. List of permitted food additives and maximum use levels in food

1. Promulgated with this Circular is the list of food additives permitted for use in food in Appendix 1.
2. Promulgated with this Circular is the maximum use of food additives in food in Appendix 2A and Appendix 2B.
3. Promulgated with this Circular is the list of food additives and food products using food additives in accordance with GMP in Appendix 3.
4. Flavorings used in food include flavorings that have been evaluated by JECFA and determined to be safe at expected or acceptable daily intakes (ADI). These flavorings must meet the corresponding technical requirements for identification and purity; and comply with the provisions of the National Standard TCVN 6417:2010 guiding the use of flavorings and the specific provisions of this Circular.

Article 6. Classification and description of categories of food using food additives

1. Promulgated with this Circular is Appendix 4 containing the classification and description of food categories to identify the food categories applied in Appendix 2A and Appendix 3.



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