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Amfep statement: EFSA guidelines for the safety evaluation of food enzymes

Amfep, the European Association of Manufacturers and Formulators of Enzyme Products, is pleased to see the guidance document on food enzymes published by the CEF Panel of EFSA, within the deadlines foreseen by Regulation (EC) No. 1331/2008.

The public consultation period preceding this publication offered Amfep the possibility to submit comments and suggestions on the draft guidance and we are gratified to see that a number of these have been incorporated by the Panel thus making significant amendments to the document.

Certain sections of the guidelines still however require further clarification. In particular, one key area of concern is that the guidelines still appear to be highly product- and manufacturer-specific.

Overall, Amfep feels that mutual understanding between the enzyme industry and the EFSA CEF Panel is required on how the guidelines will be implemented in practice, particularly in relation to the construction of the dossiers and their subsequent evaluation. We are presently seeking ways of maintaining a close dialogue with the Panel, taking into account the relatively short time period before the food enzyme Regulation implementing measures are published.

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