COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2015/639
of 23 April 2015
Council as regards the use of silicon dioxide (E 551) in polyvinyl alcohol-polyethylene glycol-graft-
co-polymer (E 1209)
(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

on food additives (1), and in particular Article 10(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 lays down a Union list of food additives approved for use in food
additives, food enzymes, flavourings, nutrients and their conditions of use.

(2) That list may be updated in accordance with the common procedure referred to in Article 3(1) of Regulation (EC)
No 1331/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council (2), either on the initiative of the Commission or
following an application.

(3) Commission Regulation (EU) No 685/2014 (3) authorises the use of polyvinyl alcohol-polyethylene glycol-graft-
co-polymer (PVA-PEG graft co-polymer) (E 1209) in food supplements in solid form.

(4) In order to improve the flow properties of the polymer powder, silicon dioxide (E 551) is used in PVA-PEG graft
co-polymer. The expected carry-over of silicon dioxide in the final food via the use of PVA-PEG graft co-polymer
is 300-500 mg/kg. At this level silicon dioxide has no technological function in the food supplement.

(5) The European Food Safety Authority evaluated the safety of PVA-PEG graft co-polymer when used as a food
additive and concluded that its use in food supplements as film coating is of no safety concern for the proposed
uses (4). The safety assessment also included the specified use of silicon dioxide in PVA-PEG graft co-polymer.

(6) It is therefore appropriate to authorise the use of silicon dioxide in PVA-PEG graft co-polymer.


(8) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on
Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Part 2 of Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

(2) Regulation (EC) No 1331/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 establishing a common authori-
(4) EFSA Journal 2013; 11(8):3303.
Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 23 April 2015.

For the Commission
The President
Jean-Claude JUNCKER

ANNEX

In Part 2 of Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 the following entry is inserted after the third entry for food additive E 551:

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