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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008<sup>1</sup> of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on food additives, and in particular Articles 14 and 30(5) thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1331/2008<sup>2</sup> of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 establishing a common authorisation procedure for food additives, food enzymes and food flavourings, and in particular Article 7(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EU) No 231/2012<sup>3</sup> of 9 March 2012 lays down specifications for food additives listed in Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008.
- (2) Those specifications may be updated in accordance with the common procedure referred to in Article 3(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1331/2008, either on the initiative of the Commission or following an application.
- (3) On 7 September 2011, an application was submitted for the amendment of specifications concerning the food additive polyvinyl alcohol (E 1203). The application was made available to the Member States pursuant to Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1331/2008.
- (4) The current specification on the solubility of the food additive polyvinyl alcohol (E 1203) in ethanol states “Soluble in water; sparingly soluble in ethanol”. Considering the request for a modification of that specification and that the European Commission Joint Research Centre (Institute for Health and Consumer Protection, IHCP) carried out solubility studies<sup>4</sup> of the food additive polyvinyl alcohol to update the solubility data reported in the existing EU specifications, the description of the solubility of polyvinyl alcohol (E 1203) in ethanol ( $\geq 99.8$  %) therein should be modified to “practically insoluble or insoluble”.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 354, 31.12.2008, p. 16.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 354, 31.12.2008, p. 1.

<sup>3</sup> Commission Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 of 9 March 2012 laying down specifications for food additives listed in Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 83, 22.3.2012, p. 1).

<sup>4</sup> João F. A. Lopes and Catherine Simoneau, 2014. Solubility of Polyvinyl Alcohol in Ethanol. EFSA supporting publication 2014:EN-660, 20 pp.

- (5) The European Food Safety Authority evaluated the results of the solubility test with polyvinyl alcohol carried out by the European Commission Joint Research Centre (Institute for Health and Consumer Protection, IHCP) and the information provided by the applicant. EFSA considered that the modification of the specification on the solubility of polyvinyl alcohol (E 1203) in ethanol has no impact on the safety of polyvinyl alcohol (E 1203) as a food additive.
- (6) It is therefore appropriate to allow the amendment of the specifications concerning the food additive polyvinyl alcohol (E 1203).
- (7) Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (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*

The Annex to Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

*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*.

Done at Brussels,

*For the Commission*  
*The President*  
*José Manuel BARROSO*