

GRAS Flavoring Substances 30

30. GRAS Flavoring Substances. This list of substances will appear in the 30th publication authored by the Expert Panel of the Flavor and Extract Manufacturers Association on recent progress in the consideration of flavoring ingredients “generally recognized as safe” (GRAS) under conditions of their intended use in food flavorings in accordance with the 1958 Food Additives Amendment to the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. For more information on FEMA GRAS™ see “About the FEMA GRAS Program” on the FEMA website.

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The Expert Panel of the Flavor and Extract Manufacturers Association of the United States (FEMA) has evaluated substances for GRAS status under their conditions of intended use as flavoring substances since the early 1960s. The regulations of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and U.S. law, require that determinations that flavor substances and other food ingredients are “generally recognized as safe” (GRAS) be done in such a way that all information related to GRAS determinations is publicly available. The FEMA Expert Panel has met this requirement by publishing the identity of all flavoring substances determined to be GRAS by the Panel, and has submitted all information related to its GRAS reviews on these substances to the FDA for inclusion in the FDA databases. Information that was reviewed by the Expert Panel in the course of their evaluation of new flavoring substances is typically submitted to FDA within six months of the publication of their identity. The Expert Panel also publishes separate extensive reviews of scientific information on all FEMA GRAS flavoring substances in the peer-reviewed scientific literature in the form of reports on the safety of structurally-related groups of flavoring substances. These important actions assure that there is “general recognition” of the safety of these substances when used as flavors.

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Table 1. Primary names (in boldface) Synonyms (in lightface)

FEMA No.	Primary Names and Synonyms
4943	Decanedioic acid 1,8-Octanedicarboxylic acid 1,10-Decanedioic acid Sebacic acid Decanedicarboxylic acid
4949	<i>Corynebacterium ammoniagenes</i> Fermentation product <i>C. ammoniagenes</i> dried fermentation broth

Table 2. Average Usual Use Levels (ppm)/Average Maximum Use Levels (ppm) on which the FEMA Expert Panel based its judgments that the substances are generally recognized as safe (GRAS)

	Decanedioic acid	<i>Corynebacterium ammoniagenes</i> Fermentation product
Category/FEMA No.	4943	4949
Baked Goods	40/200	1000/7500
Beverages, Non-Alcoholic	20/50	0/0
Beverages, Alcoholic	15/30	0/0
Breakfast Cereals	50/100	1000/5000
Cheeses	40/100	2000/7500
Chewing Gum	100/300	0/0
Condiments and Relishes	30/100	3000/20000
Confections and Frostings	40/100	0/0
Egg Products	50/100	1000/10000
Fats and Oils	50/100	0/0
Fish Products	50/100	3000/10000
Frozen Dairy	40/100	0/0
Fruit Ices	30/60	0/0
Gelatins and Puddings	30/60	0/0
Granulated Sugar	0/0	0/0
Gravies	40/100	3000/20000
Hard Candy	50/200	0/0
Imitation Dairy	40/100	2000/10000
Instant Coffee and Tea	30/100	0/0
Jams and Jellies	50/100	0/0
Meat Products	50/100	2000/15000
Milk Products	40/100	0/0
Nut Products	40/100	1000/10000
Other Grains	50/200	0/0
Poultry	50/100	2000/10000
Processed Fruits	50/100	0/0
Processed Vegetables	50/100	0/0
Reconstituted Vegetable Protein	50/100	0/0
Seasonings and Flavors	50/100	5000/50000
Snack Foods	50/100	1000/10000
Soft Candy	50/200	0/0
Soups	50/300	3000/20000
Sugar Substitutes	30/60	0/0
Sweet Sauces	40/100	0/0

Table 3. Identity for Natural Flavor Complexes as Evaluated by the FEMA Expert Panel

FEMA No.	FEMA Primary Name	The Identification Value as Reviewed by the FEMA Expert Panel
4949	<i>Corynebacterium ammoniagenes</i> Fermentation product	20-25% Inosine 5'-monophosphate; 2-5% Amino acids; 3-5% Minerals; <7% Carbohydrates typically maltose, trehalose and glucose; 50-55% Dextrins