

## To whom it may concern

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## New EC Regulation on Flavourings published on 31 December 2008

Dear customer,

the new EC Regulation on flavourings and certain food ingredients with flavouring properties (hereinafter referred to as EC Flavour Regulation) has been published in the Official Journal of the EU on 31 December 2008.

(see: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2008:354:0034:0050:EN:PDF> )

The EC Flavour Regulation will enter into force on 20 January 2009 and shall apply 24 months later, i.e. on 20 January 2011. Until then the current national flavour regulations will continue to apply. Foods lawfully placed on the market or labelled prior to 20 January 2011 which do not comply with the new EC Flavour Regulation may be marketed until their date of minimum durability or use-by-date.

EFFA (European Flavour and Fragrance Association) has recently issued an information letter regarding the most important changes compared to the current Flavouring Directive 88/388/EEC.

(see. [http://www.aromenhaus.de/aktuelles/eg\\_avo\\_effa\\_il\\_fl\\_09\\_01\\_englisch/](http://www.aromenhaus.de/aktuelles/eg_avo_effa_il_fl_09_01_englisch/) )

Moreover EFFA is currently developing a guidance document on the interpretation of the new EC Flavour Regulation. Symrise is actively supporting this work with expert advice.

Symrise will start to proactively inform you about any changes – especially labelling changes – regarding our current sales products after the final EFFA document will have been circulated to the EFFA membership.

Please do not hesitate to contact your Symrise Account Manager should you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,

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