

**European Union comments on  
Codex Circular Letter CL 2016/9-FA**

**Request for information on use levels for adipic acid (INS 355) in various  
food categories**

*European Union Competence*

*European Union Vote*

The European Union (EU) welcomes the request for information on use levels for adipic acid (INS 355) for the purpose of exposure assessment to be performed by JECFA prior to the CCFA49.

Adipic acid has a relatively low ADI (0-5 mg/kg bw) compared to the proposed provisions included in the step process.

For the exposure assessment the EU would like to propose the following provisions:

<b>THE PROPOSAL IS SUBMITTED BY:</b>		European Union	
<b>USE LEVELS FOR ADIPIC ACID (INS 355):</b>			
<b>Food Category No</b>	<b>Food Category Name</b>	<b>MaxLevel</b>	<b>Comments</b>
01.7	Dairy-based desserts (e.g. pudding, fruit or flavoured yoghurt)	1000	Only dry powdered dessert mixes and fruit-flavoured desserts. Except for use in gel-like desserts at 6000 mg/kg
02.4	Fat-based desserts excluding dairy-based dessert products of food category 01.7	1000	Only dry powdered dessert mixes and fruit-flavoured desserts. Except for use in gel-like desserts at 6000 mg/kg
04.1.2.9	Fruit-based desserts, incl. fruit-flavoured water-based desserts	1000	Only dry powdered dessert mixes and fruit-flavoured desserts. Except for use in gel-like desserts at 6000 mg/kg
06.5	Cereal and starch based desserts (e.g. rice pudding, tapioca pudding)	1000	Only dry powdered dessert mixes and fruit-flavoured desserts. Except for use in gel-like desserts at 6000 mg/kg
05.4	Decorations (e.g. for fine bakery wares), toppings (non-fruit), and sweet sauces	2000	Only fillings and toppings for fine bakery ware
14.1.4.3	Concentrates (liquid or solid) for water-based flavoured drinks	10000	Only powders for home preparation of drinks. The ML is expressed on powder not as consumed!
14.1.5	Coffee, coffee substitutes, tea, herbal infusions, and other hot cereal and grain beverages, excluding cocoa	10000	Only powders for home preparation of drinks. The ML is expressed on powder not as consumed!