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**Reply to DG SANTE request – Origin of amino-acids and other ingredients**

**For endorsement by 6 November**

I would like to warmly thank those of you, who have provided input in order to prepare our reply to DG SANTE request for information about the animal, vegetal or chemically synthesized origin of a number of ingredients.

Please find enclosed the results, presented in the form of:

- A disclaimer
- An explanatory note
- A table for amino-acids, adapted as needed
- A table for the other ingredients, with addition of a column for remarks.

Ingredients for which no input has been provided have been removed from the tables.

**Should you have additional input, please provided it by 6 November at the latest.**

After that date, the reply will be considered endorsed and shared with FEFAC/FEFANA<sup>1</sup> for consistency check with their own reply, before it is sent to DG SANTE.

Many thanks again for your help.

Best regards,  
Maryse Hervé

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<sup>1</sup> Who have received the same enquiry from DG SANTE. We understand from FEFANA that DG SANTE is looking after authenticity of certificates where ingredients are stated as chemically synthesized while the origin is different (vegetable or animal). By looking at custom codes it is not possible to establish if a product is produced by fermentation, chemical synthesis or other. This is why DG SANTE decided to launch this call for data as to receive a feedback from EU operators and increase their knowledge; there is no legal initiative in mind, the Unit is only in charge to study the matter (not in charge of legal action).

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