

FROM ELC TO EU SPECIALTY FOOD INGREDIENTS SERVING THE INTERESTS OF A VERY SPECIAL INGREDIENTS SECTOR FOR 40 YEARS

1983/84

Establishment of the European Industrial Food Additives and Food Enzymes Liaison Committee (ELC) in The Netherlands – Membership restricted to associations

ELC

1993

ELC is transferred from The Netherlands to Belgium

2000

White Paper on Food Safety

2003

GMOs Regulations

2004-2005

EFSA moves progressively to Parma

2006

- Health and Nutrition Claims (Regulation)
- Addition of vitamins, minerals and certain other substances (Regulation)

1989-1995

EU first harmonisation of the food additive legislation (4 Directives)

1997

EU first harmonisation of Novel Foods and Novel Food Ingredients (Regulation)

2002

- General Food Law (Regulation)
- Creation of the Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF)
- Establishment of EFSA in Brussels

2004

Food Hygiene Package

2005

ELC becomes the Federation of European Food Additives, Food Enzymes and Food Cultures Industries

2008

Food Improvement Agents Package
(additives, enzymes, flavourings)

2010

Integration of PIE and establishment of 3 ELC Committees:
Food Improvement Agents, Nutrition and Communications

2011

Food Information to Consumers (Regulation)

2016

ELC becomes EU Specialty
Food Ingredients and
adopts a new logo



2020

Launch of the EU Farm-to-Fork Strategy

2022

EU Specialty Food Ingredients counts 46 members
(18 national & sectoral associations, 28 companies)

2007

PIE
PLATFORM FOR INGREDIENTS IN EUROPE

Creation of The Platform for
Food Ingredients in Europe (PIE)
– Focus on nutrition

2009

ELC Federation of
European Specialty
Food Ingredients
Industries

ELC becomes the Federation
of European Specialty Food
Ingredients Industries aisbl
(international non-profit
association) – Membership
opened to associations
& companies

2010

- Launch of the programme on the re-evaluation of food additives
- Fitness check of the food chain

2015

Novel Food (Regulation)

2019

European Green Deal

2021

Transparency Regulation

2023

Framework for Sustainable Food Systems – Sustainable Food Labelling

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