

Basic information

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DEA - Delegated acts procedure

Protein-related requirements for infant and follow-on formula manufactured from protein hydrolysates

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4.60.02 Consumer information, advertising, labelling
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Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible

Rapporteur

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The Council today agreed a **general approach** on a new EU regulation on foods considered essential for certain vulnerable persons.

The Council's general approach covers the following four categories of food:

- infant formula and follow-on formula;
- processed cereal-based foods and baby foods for infants and young children;
- foods for special medical purposes;
- total daily diet foods for weight control.

The general approach empowers the Commission to adopt **delegated acts** to establish specific composition and information requirements for those categories of foods.

Milk-based drinks and similar products marketed as "growing up milks" are excluded from the scope of the new rules. The Commission is, however, invited to report on the desirability of special rules for these products after having consulted the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA).

In the light of the EFSA's expertise the Commission should also assess if special provisions for food intended for sportsmen might be desirable.

"Gluten-free" and "very low gluten" food statements should be covered by regulation (EU) 1169/2011 on the provision of food information to consumers. In fact, the purpose of those statements is to provide consumers with information on the absence of an element in the food. Those statements are not intended to give guarantees in terms of the overall composition of the food which, in contrast, is one of the objectives of the proposed regulation.

Once the European Parliament has adopted its position at first reading the Council will examine the European Parliament's amendments with a view to adopting its first-reading position.