



BULLETIN INTENDED FOR INTERESTED PARTIES

Commission Regulation (EU) No 536/2013 amending Regulation (EU) No 432/2012 establishing a list of permitted health claims made on foods other than those referring to the reduction of disease risk and to children's development and health published in the Official Journal (12 June 2013)

Commission Regulation (EU) No 536/2013 was published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 12 June; it can be found at this link
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2013:160:0004:0008:EN:PDF>

In the Regulation:

- the Annex lists the six Article 13 health claims that are newly authorised;
- recital (3) explains that health claims on micro-organisms will not be authorised;
- recitals (4) – (9) explain that the health claims on 'botanical substances', foods for use in very low calorie diets, foods with reduced lactose content, caffeine and a claim on carbohydrates are still under consideration ('on hold') and may continue to be used while in that state.

These claims 'on hold' are listed on the Commission's website (<http://ec.europa.eu/nuhclaims/>) under the heading *Some 'function claims', for which the assessment by EFSA or the consideration by the Commission is not finalised.*

The Regulation came into force on 2 July and applies from **2 January 2014** which means that from 2 January the only health claims submitted under Article 13(2) of Regulation 1924/2006 that may be used on foods are those listed as 'authorised' in the EU Register of claims or those 'on hold'.

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