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Report Highlights:

On February 5, 2026, the Israeli Ministry of Justice and the Israeli Ministry of Health published a request for public comments on the implementation of changes to the European Union regulation related to Food Improvement Agents. The publication, which has not been notified to the World Trade Organization, is only open for public comment until February 19, 2026, 23:59 (Israel Standard Time).

A. The Purpose of Publication

Israel adopted European Union (EU) regulations and directives as part of Israel's "Food Reform" initiative (for more on the information see GAIN report: Israel Adopts Additional European Union Standards for Agricultural Imports | IS2024-0020).¹

Under the "Adoption by Reference" mechanism, Israel aligns its food regulations with updates made by the EU. Regulatory changes are issued for public comment before being formally incorporated into Israeli food legislation.

On February 5, 2026, the Israeli Ministry of Health (MoH) published additional proposed changes to EU Regulation 1333/2008 and Regulation 231/2012 for public comments following the previous request for public comments published on February 26, 2025, for proposed changes to EU Regulation (European Community (EC)) 1333/2008 and Regulation EU 231/2012.²

B. Submission of Comments

This publication (which has not been notified to the World Trade Organization) is open for **public comments until February 19, 2025, 23:59 (Israel Standard Time)**.

- To submit comments, users must first register on the [Tazkirim](#) website.
- Click the "Comment" button next to the document summary.
- Submit your response and attach up to three support files.
- Choose whether to make your comment public or private.
- Privacy settings can be modified at any time.

Commenters must specify their affiliation when submitting a response. The Israeli MoH's National Food Service (NFS) reserves the right to invite submitters to present their positions before the professional team in the NFS or before the director of the NFS. The National Food Service may utilize the content of the submitted documents to shape its position before publishing the NFS director's announcement in the official records and may also publish them on the NFS website. Please note that the submission of a position paper in response to this request implies consent for publication, as explained above.

C. Changes to EU Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 and Regulation (EU) No 231/2012

Description of the modifications to EU regulation, which Israel plans to adopt, can be found in Table 1.

Food imported or produced in Israel before the update takes effect may continue to be sold under the previous regulations until its shelf life expires, unless a different transitional rule is specified. The date the release certificate application is submitted to the quarantine station will be considered the food's import date.

All modifications will be subject to the exclusions outlined in Israeli legislation³ and the final draft notice once adopted. For more details, please see all related attachments for each amended regulation.

¹ [GAIN IS2024-0020 Israel Adopts Additional European Union Standards for Agricultural Imports Tel Aviv Israel IS2024-0020](#)

² [GAIN IS2024-0005 Israel Seeks Public Comments on Amendments to Five European Union Regulations for Adoption into Israeli Food Legislation](#)

³ https://www.nevo.co.il/law_html/law01/049_062.htm

Table 1: Details of Modifications to the EU Regulation and Adoption into Israeli Legislation

Group 3 – Food Improvement Agents – FIA			
Name of EU Regulation Amending EU Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008⁴	General Description of Amendments	Implementation Date for EU Amended Regulation	Implementation Date for Israeli Legislation
Commission Regulation (EU) 2025/2058 of 14 October 2025⁵	Amending Annexes II and III and correcting Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 regards foods intended for particular nutritional uses. Reclassifying certain food products into different categories within the EU food additive framework.	November 5, 2025	March 25, 2026
Commission Regulation (EU) 2025/2060 of 14 October 2025⁶	Use of sorbic acid (E 200) and potassium sorbate (E 202) in non-heat-treated plant-based mousses: In Annex II, in Part E - addition of an entry in food category 16, concerning Sorbic acid - Potassium sorbate E200-202	November 5, 2025	March 25, 2026
Commission Regulation (EU) 2025/2084 of 17 October 2025⁷	Use and specification of quillaia extract (E 999)	November 5, 2025	March 25, 2026
Name of EU Regulation Amending EU Regulation (EU) No 231/2012⁸	General Description of Amendments	Implementation Date for EU Amended Regulation	Implementation Date for Israeli Legislation
Commission Regulation (EU) 2025/2084 of 17 October 2025⁹	Expands the use of additive E999 Quillaia extract to flavorings and to food supplements in solid and liquid form, excluding food supplements intended for infants and toddlers, based on the scientific opinions of the European Food Safety Authority. Additive's specifications were updated.	May 9, 2026	July 1, 2026

⁴ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2008/1333/oj>

⁵ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32025R2058&qid=1766413865774>

⁶ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/PIN/?uri=oj:L_202502060

⁷ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2025/2084/oj/eng>

⁸ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A32012R0231>

⁹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2025/2084/oj/eng>

Attachments:

[01 -Regulation 231.2012 specifications for food additives - English Google Translate.docx](#)

[01 -Regulation 231.2012 specifications for food additives - Hebrew Original.docx](#)

[01 -Regulation1333.2008 food additives - English Google Translate.docx](#)

[01 -Regulation1333.2008 food additives - Hebrew Original.docx](#)

[02 - Director Notice for Regulation 231.2012 - English Google Translate.pdf](#)

[02 - Director Notice for Regulation 231.2012 - Hebrew Original.pdf](#)

[02 - Director Notice for Regulation1333.2008 - English Google Translate.pdf](#)

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[03 - Regulatory Impact Assessment - English Google Translate.docx](#)

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