

Statement on EU Colours Legislation Compliance

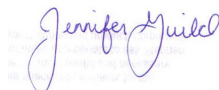
Colours manufactured or offered by D.D. Williamson in the EU continue to comply with EU regulations governing colours.

On 16 December 2008, the regulations of the Package on Food Improvement Agents (FIAP) were adopted in the EU. This includes regulations (EC) No 1331/2008 and (EC) No 1333/2008.

Regulation (EC) No 1331/2008 establishes a common authorisation procedure for food additives, food enzymes and food flavourings. The regulation provides for an efficient, centralised, transparent and time-limited authorisation procedure for food additives, food enzymes and flavourings.

Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 on food additives consolidates all food additive legislation into one single legal instrument. In accordance with article 30 of Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008, after a period of review, colour additives that are permitted in food under Directives 94/36/EC will be entered into the Community list of food additives in Annex II to the regulation. The use of food additives already permitted in Directive 94/36/EC will continue to be permitted until the review has been finalised and the additives have been transferred to Annex II of the new regulation. In addition to being included in Annex II of the new regulation, colour additives must also comply with approved criteria of purity. The purity criteria previously developed for colour additives in Commission Directive 95/45/EC of 26 July 1995 were replaced by Commission Directive 2008/128/EC on 22 December 2008.

D.D. Williamson is dedicated to providing our customers with safe, high quality products. Thank you for your continued interest in our colours. Please feel free to contact me with additional questions or concerns.



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