

## INFORMATION LETTER N°1710

**Date:** December 10, 2019

**Topic:** FEMA GRAS 29 Published

**Category:** National Legislation/US

**Key Message:** The GRAS 29 list has been published in December 2019 and is available on the [FEMA public website](#). Authored by the Expert Panel of the Flavor and Extract Manufacturers Association, GRAS 29 contains 64 new FEMA GRAS flavoring substances numbered 4879 through 4942 and accompanying use levels tables. These materials are “generally recognized as safe” (GRAS) under conditions of their intended use in food flavorings in accordance with the United States 1958 Food Additives Amendment to the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

Also included in GRAS 29 are new use levels and/or use in new food categories for 71 flavoring substances previously published on FEMA's website, and a FEMA Expert Panel's statement regarding generally recognized as safe status of ethyl nitrite (CAS 109-95-8; FEMA 2446).

**Background:** Since its origination in 1960, the FEMA Expert Panel has published lists of flavoring substances that it has determined to be GRAS in the journal *Food Technology*. The GRAS 29 publication will be published in an upcoming issue of this journal. The FEMA GRAS list is an important component of the IOFI Global Reference List (GRL) as well. IOFI has updated the GRL to reflect GRAS 29 changes and additions ([www.iofi.org](http://www.iofi.org)).

**Intended Audience:** All IOFI members.

**Related Information Letters:** 1650, 1571, 1538, 1535, 1504, 1471, 1458

**Potential Impact to Industry:** FEMA GRAS status is important in the US and globally. Many regulatory authorities use the GRAS list as the basis for materials they approve as suitable for use as food flavorings.

**Required Action:** IOFI requests that member associations and companies share this information with colleagues.

**For further information:** Please contact IOFI ([secretariat@iofi.org](mailto:secretariat@iofi.org)).