

Schedule 5 Technological functions which may be performed by food additives

Functional class <i>sub-classes</i>	Definition
Acidity regulator acid, alkali, base, buffer, buffering agent, pH adjusting agent	alters or controls the acidity or alkalinity of a food
Anti-caking agent anti-caking agent, anti-stick agent, drying agent, dusting powder	reduces the tendency of individual food particles to adhere or improves flow characteristics
Antioxidant antioxidant, antioxidant synergist	retards or prevents the oxidative deterioration of a food
Bulking agent bulking agent, filler	contributes to the volume of a food without contributing significantly to its available energy
Colouring	adds or restores colour to foods
Colour fixative colour fixative, colour stabiliser	stabilises, retains or intensifies an existing colour of a food
Emulsifier emulsifier, Emulsifying salt, plasticiser, dispersing agent, surface active agent, surfactant, wetting agent	facilitates the formation or maintenance of an emulsion between two or more immiscible phases
Firming agent	contributes to firmness of food or interact with gelling agents to produce or strengthen a gel
Flavour enhancer flavour enhancer, flavour modifier, tenderiser	enhances the existing taste and/or odour of a food
Flavouring (excluding herbs and spices and intense sweeteners)	adds or restores odour and/or taste properties to foods
Foaming agent whipping agent, aerating agent	facilitates the formation of a homogeneous dispersion of a gaseous phase in a liquid or solid food
Gelling agent	modifies food texture through gel formation
Glazing agent coating, sealing agent, polish	imparts a coating to the external surface of a food
Humectant moisture/water retention agent, wetting agent	retards moisture loss from food or promotes the dissolution of a solid in an aqueous medium
Intense sweetener	replaces the sweetness normally provided by sugars in foods without contributing significantly to their available energy
Preservative anti-microbial preservative, anti-mycotic agent, bacteriophage control agent, chemosterilant, disinfection agent	retards or prevents the deterioration of a food by micro organisms
Propellant	gas, other than air, which expels a food from a container
Raising agent	liberates gas and thereby increase the volume of a food
Sequestrant	forms chemical complexes with metallic ions
Stabiliser binder, firming agent, water binding agent, foam stabiliser	maintains the homogeneous dispersion of two or more immiscible substances in a food
Thickener thickening agent, texturiser, bodying agent	increases the viscosity of a food