

## ***The new European Regulation for natural flavourings in organic food***

In 2021 the new European regulation on the labelling of organic products will enter into force.

Among the various innovations, stricter rules will be introduced for the use of natural flavourings, which to date are not considered "agricultural ingredients". Today the rules are different. To be labelled and certified as organic, 95% of the ingredients must be organic and only 5% of the agricultural ingredients can come from non-organic sources. Natural aromas are currently excluded from 95% because they are not considered as "agricultural ingredients", even if the regulations of bio authorizes only natural and not synthetic aromas.

From 2021 natural aromas will be considered as agricultural ingredients and become part of the 95% calculation and to be accepted in the recipe the percentage of material derived from a natural named source will have to be 95% or more, or extracted 100% from a natural named source.

Companies have a year to reformulate any recipes that contain natural aromas.