



## NATCOL POSITION ON CHLOROPHYLL COLOURS

In May and June 2015 the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) published opinions on the safety of the chlorophyll colours. Chlorophyll E 140(i) is a normal part of the diet so is considered safe.

However, because the critical toxicological studies date back to the 1950s, EFSA concluded that more current research or safety data is required before it could assess the safety of: - Chlorophyllins E 140(ii), - Copper complex of Chlorophylls E 141(i) or - Copper complexes of Chlorophyllins E 141(ii) (Copper Chlorophyllins).

For this reason the EFSA ANS Panel was unable to establish a firm opinion relating to these colours.

[EFSA Scientific Opinion on re-evaluation of chlorophyllins \(E 140\(ii\)\) as food additives](#)

[EFSA Scientific Opinion on re-evaluation of copper complexes of chlorophylls \(E 141\(i\)\) and chlorophyllins \(E 141\(ii\)\) as food additives](#)

NATCOL met with the European Commission at the end of September 2015 to express its commitment to collaborate with the authorities to address the data gaps and at the same time formally asked that these colours are retained on the market during that process.

NATCOL therefore registered as interested party to the call for data published by DG SANTE in May 2017 for providing scientific and technical data on the permitted food additives E 140(i) chlorophylls, E 140(ii) chlorophyllins, E 141(i) copper complexes of chlorophylls and E 141(ii) copper complexes of chlorophyllins

Since, it confirmed its commitment through submitting a project plan to the European Commission to provide the needed data for E 140(i) chlorophylls. The other chlorophyll products will be taken care of by a NATCOL member company, FMC (who's health and nutrition business became part of DuPont on November 1st), which also provided a task plan for E 140(ii), E141(i) and E141(ii).

NATCOL will continue to work to ascertain that the expected scientific and technical data will be provided to support the future use of all of these chlorophyll products.

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