

TWELFTH SCHEDULE
(regulation 87 (1), (3) and (4) (a))

**MAXIMUM PROPORTION OF PRESERVATIVE
IN SPECIFIED FOOD**

COLUMN 1 SPECIFIED FOOD	COLUMN 2 PERMITTED PRESERVATIVE	COLUMN 3 MAXIMUM PERMITTED LEVEL in mg/kg or mg/litre
Batter	Sorbic acid (E200)	2000
Beer	Either benzoic acid (E210) or ethyl p-hydroxy-benzoate (E214) or propyl p-hydroxy-benzoate (E216) or methyl p-hydroxy-benzoate (E218) or Sulphur dioxide (E220)	70 70 70 70 70
Alcohol-free beer in keg	Benzoic acid (E210)	200
Bread	Propionic acid (E280)	3000 (calculated on the weight of the flour)
Dry Biscuit	Sulphur Dioxide (E220)	50
Candied peel or cut and drained (syruped) peel	Sulphur dioxide (E220)	100
Canned food	Nisin (E234)	GMP
Caramel	Sulphur dioxide (E220)	1000
Cauliflower canned	Sulphur dioxide (E220)	100
Cereal and potato based snack	Sulphur dioxide (E220)	50
Cereal and potato based snacks and coated nut	Sorbic acid (E200) and Benzoic acid (E210)	1000 singly or in combination (Max. 300 benzoic acid)
Cheese (whey cheese extra hard cheese, grating cheese, cheddar cheese, Cheshire cheese)	Sorbic acid (E200) or Sodium sorbate (E201) Potassium sorbate (E202)	1000 mg/kg singly or in combination with the acid, expressed as sorbic acid 1000 mg/kg
Cheese (gouda, edam, norwgen)	Sodium Nitrate (E251) or Potassium nitrate (E252)	50 mg/kg singly or combination with potassium
Chewing gum	Sorbic acid (E200) and Benzoic acid (E210)	1500 singly or in combination

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Chicory and coffee essence	Benzoic acid (E210) or	450
	Ethyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E214) or	450
	Propyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E216) or	450
	Methyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E218)	450
Coffee solid extract	Sulphur dioxide (E220)	150
Christmas pudding	Propionic acid (E280)	1000
Cider (including perry, fruit wine, sparkling fruit wine, alcohol free product)	Sorbic acid (E200) or	200
	Sulphur acid (E220)	200
Coconut dessicated	Sulphur dioxide (E220)	50
Colouring matter, except caramel, if in the form of a solution of a permitted colouring matter	Sorbic acid (E200) or	1000
	Benzoic acid (E210) or	2000
	Ethyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E214) or	2000
	Propyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E216) or	2000
	Methyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E218)	2000
Cured meat (including bacon or ham)	Sodium nitrite (E250) And	125 mg/kg expressed as sodium nitrite, singly or in combination with potassium nitrite
	Sodium nitrate (E251)	500 mg/kg expressed as sodium nitrate, singly or in combination with potassium nitrate
Curdled milk	Sorbic acid (E200)	1000
Canned corned meat	Sodium nitrite (E250)	50 mg/kg expressed as Sodium nitrite singly or in combination with Potassium nitrite
Concentrated pineapple juice with preservative (for manufacturing use only)	Sorbic acid (E200) or Sodium Sorbate (E201) or	1000 mg/kg singly or in combination with the acid, benzoic acid, their salts and sulphites but sulphites not to exceed 500 mg/kg
	Calcium Sorbate (E203) Benzoic acid (E210) Sodium benzoate (E211) or Potassium benzoate (E212) or	1000 mg/kg, singly or in combination with sorbic acids (sulphites not to exceed 500)

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	Sulphur dioxide (E220) or Sodium sulphite (E221) or Sodium hydrogen sulphite (E222) or Potassium sulphite (E225) or Potassium bisulphite(E228)	500 mg/kg, singly or in combination with other sulphites, benzoic acid, sorbic acid and their salt (calculated as SO ₂)
Citrus marmalade	Sodium sorbate (E201)	500 mg/kg singly or in combination with the acid, expressed as Sorbic acid
Canned chestnuts	Sulphur dioxide (E220)	30 mg/kg, calculated as SO ₂
Desserts, fruit based milk and cream	Sorbic acid (E200) or Sulphur dioxide (E220)	300 100
Pickled cucumber	Potassium benzoate (E212)	1000 mg/kg, singly or in combination with benzoic acid, sodium benzoate, and sorbic acid and its sodium and potassium salts.
	Sulphur dioxide (E220)	50 mg/kg, as carry-over from the raw product
Non-heat-treated dairy -based dessert	Sorbic acid (E200) and benzoic acid (E210)	300 singly or in combination
Dehydrated, concentrated, frozen and deep frozen egg product	Sorbic acid (E200)	1000
Fat emulsions (excluding butter) within fat content of 60% or more	Sorbic acid (E200)	1000
Fat emulsions with a fat content less than 60%	Sorbic acid (E200)	2000
Dried fruit - apricot, peach, grape, prune and fig banana apple and pear other (including nut in shells)	Sulphur dioxide (E220)	2000
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Dried apricot	Sorbic acid (E200)	500 singly or in combination with sorbic acid and sodium sorbate expressed as sorbic acid
Dried fruit	Sorbic acid (E200)	1000
Fruit based pie filling	Sulphur dioxide (E220)	100
Fruit pulp intended for manufacturing purposes	Sulphur dioxide (E220)	3000
Dried fig	Sorbic acid (E200) or Sulphur dioxide (E220)	500 2000
Dried salted fish (klippfish of the Gadidae family)	Sorbic acid (E200)	200 mg/kg singly or in combination with its salts
Dextrose anhydrous Dextrose monohydrate	Sulphur dioxide (E220)	20 mg/kg
Fish paste	Benzoic acid (E210)	750
Flavouring substance or flavouring agent and flavouring syrup	Benzoic acid (E210) or ethyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E214) or propyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E216) or methyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E218) or Sulphur dioxide (E220)	800 800 800 800 350
Flour (intended for use in the manufacture of biscuit or pastry)	Sulphur dioxide (E220)	200
Filling of ravioli and similar products	Sorbic acid (E200)	1000
Frozen pizza	Calcium sorbate (E203)	2000 as Sorbic acid
Freeze drink	Sorbic acid (E200) or Benzoic acid (E210) or ethyl-p-hydroxybenzoate(E214) or propyl-p-hydroxybenzoate(E216) or methyl-p-hydroxybenzoate (E218) or Sulphur dioxide (E220)	300 160 160 160 160 70
Fruit crystalized, glace or candied, and vegetable	Sorbic acid (E200) and Sulphur dioxide (E220) or Benzoic acid (E210) or Ethyl-p-hydroxybenzoate (E214) or Propyl-p-hydroxybenzoate (E216) or Methyl-p-hydroxybenzoate (E218)	100 1000 singly or in combination

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Fruit, fresh: citrus	Biphenyl (E230) or Orthophenylphenol (E231) or Thiobendazole (E233)	70 12 10
Grape	Sulphur dioxide (E220)	15
Unfermented grape juice products (intended for sacramental purposes)	Sorbic acid (E200) and or Benzoic acid (E210) Sulphur dioxide (E220)	2000 singly or in combination 70
Fruit juice, sweetened or unsweetened, whether concentrated or not	Sulphur dioxide (E220) or Benzoic acid (E210) or Ethyl-p-hydroxy benzoate (E214) or Propyl-p-hydroxy benzoate (E216) or Methyl-p-hydroxy benzoate (E218)	350 800 800 800 800
Fruit spread	Sorbic acid (E200) and Sulphur dioxide (E220)	1000 100
Garlic powdered	Sulphur dioxide (E220)	2000
Gelatin	Sulphur dioxide (E220)	50
Ginger, dried root	Sulphur dioxide (E220)	150
Glucose drink containing not less than 234 g of glucose syrup per litre of the drink	Benzoic acid (E210) or ethyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E214) or propyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E216) or methyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E218) or Sulphur dioxide (E220)	800 800 800 800 350
Glucose syrup	Sulphur dioxide (E220)	40 mg/kg; 400 mg/kg for the manufacturing of sugar confectionery only
Dried Glucose syrup	Sulphur dioxide (E220)	40 mg/kg; 150 mg/kg for the manufacturing of sugar confectionery only
Semi preserved fish products including fish roe product	Sorbic acid (E200) and Benzoic acid (E210)	2000 singly or in combination
Horseradish, fresh, Grated and horseradish Sauce	Benzoic acid (E210) or ethyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E214) or propyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E216) or methyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E218) or Sulphur dioxide (E220)	250 250 250 250 200

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Jam for diabetic	Sorbic acid (E200) or either Benzoic acid (E210) or ethyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E214) or propyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E216) or methyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E218) and Sulphur dioxide (E220)	1000 singly or in combination 500 500 500 500 100
Jelly and Jam (fruit preserve)	Sulphur dioxide (E220) or Calcium hydrogen sulphite (E227) or Ethyl p-hdroxybenzoate (E214)	100 mg/kg singly 200 mg/kg 1000 mg/kg singly or in combination with benzoate, Sorbic acid and Potassium sorbate
Citrus marmalade	Sorbic acid (E200)	1000 mg/kg, singly or in combination with the acid, benzoic acid and their salts, expressed as the acid
	Sodium sorbate (E201) or Sodium benzoate (E211) or Ethyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E214) or propyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E216)	1000 mg/kg, singly or in combination with benzoates, sorbic acid and potassium sorbate.
	Sulphur dioxide (E220)	100 mg/kg resulting from carry over
Liquid tea concentrate, Liquid fruit and herbal infusion concentrate	Sorbic acid (E200) and Benzoic acid (E210)	600 singly or in combination
Lime and lemon Juice	Sulphur dioxide (E220)	350
Bottled sliced lemon	Sulphur dioxide (E220)	250
Liquid egg (white) yolk or whole egg	Sorbic acid (E200) and Benzoic acid (E210)	5000 singly or in combination
Low fat products consisting of an emulsion principally of water in oil	Sorbic acid (E200)	2000
Luncheon meat	Sodium nitrite (E250)	125 mg/kg expressed as sodium nitrite, singly or in combination with potassium nitrite.
Margarine	Sorbic acid (E200) Sodium sorbate (E201) or Benzoic acid (E210) or Sodium benzoate (E211)	500 1000 singly or in combination with sorbic and benzoic acids and their salts

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Marzipan	Sodium benzoate (E211)	1000 mg/kg , singly or in combination with sorbic and benzoic acids and their salts
Minarine	Sorbic acid (E200) or Sodium sorbate (E201)	2000 mg/kg, singly or in combination with the acid, benzoic acid and their salts expressed as the acid but benzoic acid not to exceed 1000 mg/kg.
	Sodium benzoate (E211)	1000 mg/kg, singly or in combination with sorbic and benzoic acids and their salts
Mushroom frozen	Sulphur dioxide (E220)	50
Dry mushroom	Sulphur dioxide (E220)	100
Dijon mustard	Sulphur dioxide (E220)	500
Mustard	Sorbic acid (E200) and Benzoic acid (E210)	1000 singly or in combination
Mango Chutney	Sorbic acid (E200)	1000 mg/kg
	Sodium benzoate (E211) or Potassium benzoate (E212) or	250 mg/kg, singly or in combination
	Ethyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E214) or Propyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E216) or Methyl-p-hydroxybenzoate (218) Sodium metabisulphite (E223) Potassium metabisulphite (E224)	100 mg/kg, singly or combination
Mayonnaise	Sorbic acid (E200)	1000 mg/kg, singly or in combination with the acid, benzoic acid and their salts, expressed as the acids.
	Sodium benzoate (E211)	1000 mg/kg, singly or in combination with benzoic acid and its salts, expressed as benzoic acid.
Non-alcoholic-flavoured drink	Sorbic acid (E200) Benzoic acid (E210)	300 150
Nut paste, sweetened	Sorbic acid (E200)	1000

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Olive pickled	Sorbic acid (E200) or Benzoic acid (E210) or Ethyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E214) or Propyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E216) or Methyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E218) or Sulphur dioxide (E220)	500 250 250 250 250 100
Olive (table)	Sodium sorbate (E201)	500 mg/kg, singly or in combination with acid, expressed as sorbic acid
	Benzoic acid (E210) or Sodium Benzoate (E211)	1000 singly or in combination with its salt as benzoic acid
Olive and olive- based preparation	Sorbic acid (E200)	1000
Processed cheese Processed cheese preparation	Sorbic acid (E200) or Potassium sorbate (E202) or Propionic acid (E280) or Calcium Propionate (E282)	3000 singly or in combination with sorbic acid or their salts, or in combination with propionic acid and their salts.
Cheese prepacked, sliced, unripened cheese	Sorbic acid (E200)	1000
Layered cheese and cheese with added food	Sorbic acid (E200)	1000
Pea, garden, canned containing no added colouring	Sulphur dioxide (E220)	100
Pectin (Liquid)	Sulphur dioxide (E220)	250
Pickle other than pickle olive	Sorbic acid (E200) or Benzoic acid (E210) or Ethyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E214) or Propyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E216) or Methyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E218) or Sulphur dioxide (E220)	1000 250 250 250 250 100
Processed potato (including frozen and deep frozen)	Sulphur dioxide (E220)	100
Potato, raw, peeled	Sulphur dioxide (E220)	50
Potato dough and pre-fried potato slice	Sorbic acid (E200)	2000
Provolone cheese	Hexa-methylene tetramine (E239)	600 of the liquid used to work the curd

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Pre-packed sliced bread and rye bread	Sorbic acid (E200)	2000
Partially baked, pre-packed bakery wares intended for retail sale	Sorbic acid (E200)	2000
Preparation of Permitted artificial Sweetener and water only	Benzoic acid (E210) and either ethyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E214) or propyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E216) or methyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E218)	750 250 250 250
Fine bakery wares with a water activity of more than 0.65	Sorbic acid (E200)	2000
Powdered sugar (icing sugar) fructose, powdered dextrose (icing dextrose)	Sulphur dioxide (E220)	20 mg/kg resulting from carry over
Prepared salad	Sorbic acid (E200) and Benzoic acid (E210)	1500 mg/kg singly or in combination
Raisin	Sulphur dioxide (E220)	1500 mg/kg for bleached raisins only
Quick frozen lobster	Sodium sulphite (E221) or Sodium hydrogen sulphite (E222) or Sodium metabisulphite (E223) or Potassium metabisulphite (E224) or Potassium sulphite (E225) or Potassium bisulphite (E228)	100 mg/kg in the raw product, 30 mg/kg in the cooked product expressed as SO ₂ , singly or in combination with other sulphites
Quick frozen shrimp and prawn	Sodium sulphite (E221) or Sodium hydrogen sulphate (E222) or Sodium metabisulphite (E223) or Potassium metabisulphite (E224)	100 mg/kg in the raw product, 30 mg/kg in the cooked product, expressed as SO ₂ , singly or in combination with other sulphites.
Quick frozen fish stick (fish finger) and fish portion, breaded or in batter (for the bread or batter only)	Potassium benzoate (E212)	Limited to GMP

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Quick frozen french fried potato	Sodium sulphite (E221) or Sodium hydrogen sulphite (E222) or Sodium metabisulphite (E223) or Potassium metabisulphite (E224) or Potassium sulphite (E225) or Potassium bisulphite (E228)	50 mg/kg, singly or in combination with other sulphites, expressed as SO ₂
Sauce, other than Horseradish sauce (including fruit based dessert sauce with a total soluble solids content of less than 75%)	Sorbic acid (E200) or benzoic acid (E210) or Ethyl-p-hydroxybenzoate (E214) or Propyl-p-hydroxybenzoate (E216) or Methyl-p-hydroxybenzoate (E218) or Sulphur dioxide (E220)	1000 250 250 250 250 100
Non-emulsified sauces	Sorbic acid (E200) and Benzoic acid (E210)	1000 singly or in combination
Sausage or sausage meat, including hamburgers, beef burger or similar products	Sulphur dioxide (E220)	450
Emulsified sauce with a fat content of 60% or more	Sorbic acid (E200)	1000
Emulsified sauce with a fat content less than 60%	Sorbic acid (E200)	2000
Fruit and vegetable Preparation including fruit based sauce, excluding puree, mousse, compote, salad and similar products, canned or bottled	Sorbic acid (E200)	1000
Liquid soup and broth (excluding canned)	Sorbic acid (E200) and Benzoic acid (E210)	500 singly or in combination
Soft drink for Consumption after dilution not otherwise specified in this schedule	Sorbic acid (E200) or Benzoic acid (E210) or Ethyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E214) or Propyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E216) or Methyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E218) or Sulphur dioxide (E220)	1500 800 800 800 800 350

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Soft drink for Consumption without dilution not otherwise specified in this schedule	Sorbic acid (E200) or Benzoic acid (E210) or Ethyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E214) or Propyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E216) or Methyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E218) or Sulphur dioxide (E220)	300 160 160 160 160 70
Starch (including Modified starch)	Sulphur dioxide (E220)	100
Salad cream including Mayonnaise and salad dressing	Sorbic acid (E200) or Benzoic acid (E210) or Ethyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E214) or Propyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E216) or Methyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E218) or Sulphur dioxide (E220)	1000 250 250 250 250 100
Hydrolysed Starch	Sulphur dioxide (E220)	400
Other sugar except lactose	Sulphur dioxide (E220)	70
Soft sugar	Sulphur dioxide (E220)	40 mg/kg
Seasoning and condiment	Sorbic acid (E200) and Benzoic acid (E210)	1000 singly or in combination
Salted, dried fish	Sorbic acid (E200) and Benzoic acid (E210)	200 singly or in combination
Shrimp, cooked	Sorbic acid (E200) and Benzoic acid (E210)	2000 singly or in combination
Tea extract, (liquid)	Benzoic Acid (E210) or Ethyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E214) or Propyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E216) or Methyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E218)	450 450 450 450
Tomato pulp, paste or puree	Benzoic acid (E210) or Ethyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E214) or Propyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E216) or Methyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E218) or Sulphur dioxide (E220)	800 800 800 800 350
Topping (syrup for pancake, flavoured syrup for milkshake and ice cream; similar products)	Sorbic acid (E200)	1000

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Vegetable, dehydrated Brussels sprout Cabbage Potato Others	Sulphur dioxide (E220) Sulphur dioxide (E220) Sulphur dioxide (E220) Sulphur dioxide (E220)	2,500 2,500 550 2,000
White vegetable, processed (including frozen and deep frozen)	Sulphur dioxide (E220)	50
Vegetable and cereal- Protein-based meat, fish and crustacean analogue	Sulphur dioxide (E220)	200
Vegetable in vinegar, brine or oil (excluding olives)	Sorbic acid (E200) and Benzoic acid (E210)	2000 singly or in combination
Vinegar Cider or wine vinegar Others	Sulphur dioxide (E220) Sulphur dioxide (E220)	200 70 mg/kg
Wine (including alcoholic cordial and country liquor)	Sorbic acid (E200) and Sulphur dioxide (E220)	200 mg per litre 450 mg per litre
Wheat flour (for biscuit and pastry manufacture only)	Sulphur dioxide	200 mg/kg
White sugar	Sulphur dioxide (E220)	20 mg/kg Spec. A 70 mg/kg Spec. B
Yogurt, fruit	Sorbic acid (E200) or Benzoic acid (E210) or Ethyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E214) or Propyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E216) or Methyl p-hydroxybenzoate (E218) or Sulphur dioxide (E220)	300 120 120 120 120 60

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Biphenyl, diphenyl (E230)	Surface treatment of citrus fruit	70 mg/kg
Orthophenyl phenol (E231) Sodium orthophenyl phenol (E232)	Surface treatment of citrus fruit	12 mg/kg individually or in combination expressed Orthophenyl phenol
Thinbendazole (E233)	Surface treatment of: - citrus fruit - banana	6 mg/kg 3 mg/kg
Nisin (E234)	Semolina and tapioca Pudding and similar products	3 mg/kg
	Ripened cheese and Processed cheese	12.5 mg/kg
	Clotted cream	10 mg/kg
Natamycin (E235)	Surface treatment of: - hard, semi-hard and semi-soft cheese - dried cured sausage	1 mg/dm ² surface (not present at a depth of 5 mm)
	Processed cheese	20 mg/kg
Hexamethylene tetramine (E239)	Provelone cheese	25 mg/kg residual amount expressed as formaldehyde
Dimethyl dicarbonate (E242)	Non-alcoholic flavoured drink Alcohol-free wine Liquid-ten concentrate	250 mg/l in going amount, residues not detectable
Boric acid (E284)	Sturgeons' egg (Caviar)	4 g/kg expressed as boric acid
Potassium nitrite (E249)	Non-heat treated, cured, dried meat product	50 mg/kg
Sodium nitrite (E250)	Other cured meat product Canned meat product foie gras, foie gras entier, bloc de foie gras	100 mg/kg
	Cured bacon	175 mg/kg

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Sodium nitrate (E251) Potassium nitrate (E252)	Cured meat product Canned meat product	250 mg/kg
	Hard, semi-hard, semi-soft cheese, dairy-based cheese analogue	50 mg/kg
	Pickled herring and sprat	200 mg/kg
Propionic acid (E280) Sodium propionate (E281)	Pre-packed sliced bread and rye bread	3000 mg/kg expressed as propionic acid
Calcium propionate (E282) Potassium propionate (E283)	Energy reduced bread Partially baked, pre-packed bread Pre-packed fine bakery (including floor confectionery) with a water activity of more than 0.65 Pre-packed roll, buns and pitta	2000 mg/kg expressed as propionic acid
	Christmas pudding Pre-packed bread	1000 mg/kg expressed as propionic acid