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### **EFFCA statement on the use of food cultures in organic food products**

In the EU the organic production and labeling of organic products is regulated by Council Regulation (EC) No. 834/2007. Detailed rules for the implementation of this Regulation are laid down in Commission Regulation (EC) No. 889/2008, as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1254/2008.

Regarding the use of food cultures, other than yeast, in the production of organic processed food, it is mentioned that *“only ... preparations of micro-organisms ... may be used, and only in so far as they have been authorised for use in organic production in accordance with Article 21”* (Art. 19.2 (b) of Council Regulation (EC) No. 834/2007).

It is further specified in the implementation rules that *“preparations of micro-organisms ... normally used in food processing”* can be used in the processing of organic food, with the exception of wine (Art. 27.1 (b) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 889/2008).

Therefore, it can be concluded that food cultures can be used in organic food products.

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