

Food Additives, E-Numbers in sweets



| No | Name | ADI Mg/kg | Function & Characteristics | Side Effects | Source |
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| E327 | Calcium lactate | No limit | Lactic acid and lactates are used as preservatives, mainly against yeasts and fungi. It is mainly used to stabilize the structure of fruits, vegetables and potatoes during processing. It also has anti-oxidant activity. | No side effects in adults. should not be given to babies and small children, as they have not yet developed the appropriate enzymes in the liver to metabolise these forms of lactate. | produced by bacterial |
| E 450 | Potassium and sodium di-phosphates | Up to 70 mg/kg | Buffers and emulsifiers | None known when used in foods | synthetically from the respective carbonates and phosphoric acid. |
| E 263 | Calcium acetate | no limit | preservatives and buffers | No side effects | bacterial fermentation |
| E 122 | Azorubine | Up to 4 mg/kg | Red food colour | it may elicit intolerance in people intolerant to salicylates | Synthetic |
| E 102 | Tartrazine | Up to 7.5 mg/kg | Color-yellow | cases of ADHD syndrome | Synthetic |
| E110 | Sunset Yellow | Up to 2.5 mg/kg | Color -yellow | ----- | Synthetic |
| E 471 | Mono- and diglycerides | No limit | Emulsifiers and stabilisers. | Safe | Synthetic |

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| E171 | Titanium dioxide | None determined | White colour for surface coating, used to separate layers in products; whitening agent in toothpaste | No side effects known. | Natural white mineral. |
| E551 | Silicium dioxide | None determined | Used as anti-caking agent, to remove protein and yeast in beer and wine production and as anti-foaming agent. | None known | Produced from sand. |
| E472 | Esters of mono- and diglycerides | None determined except for 30 mg/kg bodyweight of tartaric acid for E472d-f. | Emulsifiers and stabilisers. | None known. The products are first digested to the individual acids and the fats. The body metabolises all components identical to the normal acids and natural fat. The individual components of the mono- and diglycerides are also produced normally in the body when digesting normal fat | Esters of synthetic fats, produced from glycerol, natural fatty acids and another organic acid (acetic, lactic, tartaric, citric). The fatty acids are mainly from plant origin, but also fats of animal origin may be used. The product generally is a mixture of different components, with a composition similar to partially digested natural fat esterified with other natural acids. |

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| E452 | Polyphosphates | Up to 70 mg/kg bodyweight for all phosphate containing additives | Sequestrants (metal binders), stabiliser and emulsifiers. Also used to retain water during processing and storage. | None known when used in foods. High concentrations of phosphates may disturb several metabolic processes as phosphate plays an important role in general metabolism. | Salts of sodium/potassium/calcium/ammonium with phosphates. All are produced synthetically from the respective carbonates and phosphoric acid. |
| E340 | Potassium phosphates | Up to 70 mg/kg bodyweight. | Potassium phosphate is an acidity regulator and chelating agent (used to bind metal ions). It prevents desiccation and is used as an acid stabiliser in powders as well as to prevent formation of clumps. It increases the activity of antioxidants. | Phosphates are normal essential salts for the body. In view of the need to avoid calcium deficiency, their use is limited, as they bind up calcium readily. They have no side effects | Potassium salts of phosphoric acid. Normal constituent of the body. Commercially produced from phosphoric acid, which is produced from phosphate mined in the US |

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