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### **The Ministry of Health Publishes a New Regulation on Food Additives**

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**Report Highlights:**

On July 12, 2012 the Minister of Health signed a new law regulating which ingredients can be legally used as food additives.

**General Information:**

Ministry of Health Regulation No. 33/2012 on Food Additives replaces three older Ministry of Health regulations, to include Regulation No. 722/Menkes/Per/IX/88 on Food Additives; Regulation No. 1168/Menkes/Per/X/1999 on Amendment to Ministry of Health Regulation No. 722/Menkes/Per/IX/88 on Food Additives; and Regulation No. 208/Menkes/Per/IV/1985 on Artificial Sweeteners.

This new regulation lists the approved ingredients which can be used as food additives, as well as restricts certain substances and/or products which can be used as food additives. The new regulation also authorizes the Head of the National Agency for Drug and Food Control (BPOM) to add or restrict specific types of food additives to the list (NOTE: the list is included as an attachment to the regulation), as well as to set the maximum limit of food additives usage in food. The Head of BPOM is required to report any changes of the food additives list to the Minister of Health every 6 months. Additionally, the new regulation also authorizes to the Head of BPOM to regulate production, importation, and distribution of food additives.

An unofficial English version of Ministry of Health Regulation No. 33/2012 can be viewed [here](#).