

Elucidation of Essential Qualities and Chemical Structures of Existing Food Additives

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Summary

Since 1995, natural food additives have been subject to the designation system. However, natural food additives which had already been marketed at the time are exempt from this designation system, and are used as existing food additives. Numerous investigations have been performed on these existing food additives to elucidate their essential qualities and chemical structures, as well as toxicological evaluations and the setting of specifications and standards. Herein, progress in this research and the problems posed are reviewed.