



Manual for the Ingredients Search (by terminology) tool

Welcome!

In this manual, you will find explanations about how to check and use the
“Ingredients search (by terminology)” tool provided on our site
Food labeling data engine.

Link to the search tool : <http://foodog.jp/hyouji-en/usrCheckTextSourceV2.php>

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Basic search methods

1: First, open the search page below.

<http://foodog.jp/hyouji-en/usrCheckTextSourceV2.php>

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Foodog website. On the left is the Foodog logo with the text '食品表示データエンジン' and 'Food labeling data engine'. On the right is the 'Label bank' logo with 'Contact us' and 'Manual' links. Below this is a dark navigation menu with buttons for 'ホーム', '初めての方へ', '導入事例', '無料 原材料用語サーチ', 'Free Ingredients Search (by terminology)', and '無料 食品表示文書サーチ'. The main content area features a yellow 'Free' badge and the title 'Ingredients Search (by terminology) [Beta]'. Below the title is a note: 'This is the beta version of our Ingredient search tool in English. Make sure that you do not miss the incoming updates!'. A dashed box contains search instructions: '*Please insert the name of the ingredient(s) to be checked. Ex: Maize, Aloe vera, Lecithin, Potassium sorbate, etc.', '*Avoid using plural form ("-s"): use singular for your search instead.', '*Please make a new search while switching "alpha-" for "a-" and "a-", "beta-" for "β-", "b-" and "gamma-" for "γ-", "c-'.', '*Please re-try with a more common keyword. (Ex: "Gelato"→"Ice cream" or "Ice" for instance).', and '*Multiple items search can be performed at once by adding ", " or a line break between the ingredients.'. Below the instructions is a large text input field and a 'Search' button.

2: Then, type in the name of the ingredients(s) you would like to review in the search field.

Example) Syrup, Lactose, Modified starch, Sodium caseinate, Potassium sorbate

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Syrup, Lactose, Modified starch, Sodium caseinate, Potassium sorbate

Insert the ingredient name(s) to be checked in the search field...

Search

... and click here!

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Syrup
Lactose
Modified starch
Sodium caseinate
Potassium sorbate

Search

3: Search results appear right below the search field.

Search Result(s)

Colour 1 : Additives registered in Japan list of additive, and for which standards of use are specified.
 Additives for which use is not allowed in Japan (with case example of crackdown).

Colour 2 : Additives registered in Japan list of additives or Ingredients considered to require allergy related labelling.

* Words with no search results available from registered data are left unmarked.

[Ingredient(s) name]

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Lactose
Modified starch
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■ Ingredient check items matrix ■

	Additive main intended use	Additive standards of use	Allergy
Lactose			Milk *Has been approved as an alternative labeling name: annotations regarding allergy not required.
Modified starch	Thickening agent, Stabilizer, Gelling agent, Adhesive agent, Emulsifier	*Standards of use to be applied. Please the PDF at the bottom of this page .	
Sodium caseinate	Manufacturing aid, Emulsifier, Thickening agent, Stabilizer, Gelling agent, Adhesive agent		Milk
Potassium sorbate	Preservative	*Standards of use to be applied. Please the PDF at the bottom of this page .	

Interpreting the result(s)

4: Analyzing the search result(s).

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To make them easier to interpret, Search results are displayed in two different colors.

Colour 1

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Standards of use are specified or
Use is not permitted in Japan (with case examples of crackdown).

The presence of these ingredients - and used quantities – determine whether the product can be sold or not.

Colour 2

Additives registered in Japan list of additives or Ingredients considered to require allergy related labelling.

These ingredients require extra attention while developing the food product label:
You will need to review how they have been used in the manufacturing process and their precise nature.

5: Understanding the points to be checked.

Get a grasp on the general picture thanks to the ingredient check items matrix. Now you can review whether your food products labeling is conform to the points displayed here.

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Example)

- The main allowed intends of use for Modified starch, Sodium caseinate and Potassium sorbate additives are specified (the list is displayed).

Therefore you will review whether your current use of these ingredients is included in the list.

- Standards of use (as additives) are established for Modified starch and Potassium sorbate. You will need to review your product based on the check results information.
- Sugar syrup and sodium caseinate may contain easy to overlook allergens. Please re-check the specifications or contact the manufacturer/supplier should need be.

Let us know your feedback/request!

Please contact us using below information in case you would like to inquire us about the Foodog tool use, check results accuracy or other related issues!

Request form: <http://foodog.jp/checker/contact/contact.html>

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