



Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS)

Food Grade Ethanol, 200 Proof

Ethanol use in foods is regulated by FDA and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Ethyl alcohol is affirmed as GRAS (generally recognized as safe) in selected direct food applications by FDA. Ethanol (ethyl alcohol) is regulated by the FDA as a food ingredient (i.e., additive) in two instances. Ethyl alcohol is considered a Generally Recognized As Safe (GRAS) ingredient for use as an antimicrobial agent in pizza crust at levels not to exceed 2.0%. Ethanol is also considered as a GRAS ingredient when used as a preservative in the fillings of croissants at a level of 0.3%. Ethanol used per these requirements would be exempt from the definition of hazardous chemical and not subject to EPCRA section 312 chemical inventory (i.e., Tier I/II) reporting requirements. Please note per the FDA any substance must be shown to be "generally recognized" as safe under the conditions of its intended use.

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