

## **ACESULFAME POTASSIUM**

### **REGULATORY APPROVALS**

On the basis of over 90 scientific studies, the relevant national and international regulatory agencies have classified Acesulfame Potassium as safe for human consumption.

The internationally recognized Joint Expert Committee on Food Additives of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations and the World Health Organization (WHO) repeatedly examined and evaluated data from Acesulfame Potassium studies and deemed it harmless for use in food.

Similarly, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved Acesulfame Potassium as safe for consumption as a food additive.

The Scientific Committee on Food of the European Union has also come to a positive assessment along with national health authorities in various countries such as Canada, Australia and Japan. Acesulfame Potassium has been used in food and beverages since 1983 and now is approved in more than 100 countries around the world.

### **Approval milestones:**

- 1967 – Acesulfame Potassium was discovered by Hoechst AG
- 1983 – Approval in Great Britain
- 1984 – Approval in Australia
- 1986 – Approval in Belgium, Italy, South Africa
- 1987 – Approval in Switzerland
- 1988 – Approval in USA, France
- 1990 – Approval in Germany
- 1998 – Approval for soft drinks in USA
- 2000 – Approval in Japan
- 2003 – General purpose approval in USA

Since 2003, Acesulfame Potassium has been used as a general purpose sweetener and it can also be used as a flavor enhancer.