

Heptalactone (gamma-)

Botanical Source

Synonyms HEPTANOLIDE (4-);
HEPTANOLACTONE (1,4-);
HEPTAN-4-OLIDE

IUPAC Name 1,4-HEPTANOLACTONE

CAS Reference 105-21-5

E Number

Food Legislation

Council of Europe (CoE)

Number	Comment
2253	Listed by the Council of Europe as acceptable for use in food at up to 20 ppm.

US Food and Drug Administration

Number	Comment
172.515	Approved by the US FDA. FDA 21 CFR 172.515

Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA)

Number	ADI	Comment
225	190	No safety concern at current levels of intake when used as a flavouring agent.

FEMA

FEMA No.	Comment
2539	-

Natural Occurrence and Use in Food

Found in mango, passion fruit, peach, black tea, asparagus, butter, hazelnut, leek, licorice, nectarine, papaya, pineapple; used in candy, baked goods, ice cream.
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Estimated Intake from Food and Drink

Daily Intake mg/kg/day	FEMA Possible Average Daily Intake mg
0.0006779	12.576

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Tobacco Product Related Chemical and Biological Studies for Ingredients Added in a Mixture

Smoke Chemistry		
Published Source	Level Tested %	Comment
BAT	0.00400	At maximum application level this ingredient is not associated with significant increases in levels of Hoffmann analytes in smoke.
Philip Morris	0.00220	An overall assessment of the data suggests that this ingredient did not add to the toxicity of smoke.

Ames Activity		
Published Source	Level Tested %	Comment
BAT	0.00400	Within the sensitivity and specificity of the system the Ames activity of the cigarette smoke condensate was not increased by the addition of the ingredient.
Philip Morris	0.00220	Within the sensitivity and specificity of the system the Ames activity of the cigarette smoke was not increased by the addition of the ingredient.

Micronucleus		
Published Source	Level Tested %	Comment
BAT	0.00400	Within the sensitivity of the in vitro micronucleus assay the activity of the cigarette smoke condensate was not increased by the addition of the ingredient.

Neutral Red		
Published Source	Level Tested %	Comment
BAT	0.00400	Within the sensitivity of the test system the in vitro cytotoxicity of the cigarette smoke condensate was not increased by the addition of the ingredient.
Philip Morris	0.00220	Within the sensitivity of the test system the in vitro cytotoxicity of the cigarette smoke was not increased by the addition of the ingredient.

Inhalation		
Published Source	Level Tested %	Comment
BAT	0.00400	The results indicate that the addition of the ingredient had no discernible effect on the inhalation toxicity of mainstream smoke.
Lorillard	0.00030	The results indicate that the addition of the ingredient had no discernible effect on the inhalation toxicity of mainstream smoke.
Philip Morris	0.00220	The data indicate that the addition of the ingredient, when added with one of three groups, did not increase the inhalation toxicity of the smoke.

Mouse Skin Painting		
Published Source	Level Tested %	Comment
Lorillard	0.00010	None of the changes appeared to be substantial enough to conclude that the tumour promotion capacity of the condensate was discernibly different between condensate produced from cigarettes with the ingredient in comparison with condensate from cigarettes without the ingredient.

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Tobacco Product Related Chemical and Biological Studies for Ingredients Tested Singly

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Toxicological Data on the Unburnt Ingredient

[+ve, positive; -ve, negative; ?, equivocal; with, with metabolic activation; without, without metabolic activation]

In vitro

Test system	Test conditions	Endpoint	Activation	Result	References
<i>Salmonella typhimurium</i> TA1535, TA1537, TA1538, TA98 and TA100	Gamma-heptalactone was tested in the Ames assay at concentrations of up to 100 mg/plate.	Mutation	with and without S9	-ve	Heck <i>et al.</i> 1989
Rat hepatocytes	Up to 3 mg gamma-heptalactone/mL were tested in an assay for unscheduled DNA synthesis.	DNA damage	without	-ve	Heck <i>et al.</i> 1989

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