

Menthyl isovalerate

Botanical Source

Synonyms MENTH-3-YL ISOVALERATE (para-)
MENTHYL ISOPENTANOATE
MENTHYL ISOVALERIANATE

IUPAC Name

CAS Reference 16409-46-4

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Food Legislation

Council of Europe (CoE)

Number	Comment
450	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
432	-	No safety concern at current levels of intake when used as a flavouring agent.

FEMA

FEMA No.	Comment
2669	Generally recognised as safe as a flavour ingredient:GRAS List Number 3

Natural Occurrence and Use in Food

Found in nutmeg, peppermint oil; used in beverages, baked goods, chewing gum, dairy products, candy.

Estimated Intake from Food and Drink

Daily Intake mg/kg/day	FEMA Possible Average Daily Intake mg
0.00000098	2.846

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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	0.00100	At maximum application level this ingredient is not associated with significant increases in levels of Hoffmann analytes in smoke.

Ames Activity		
Published Source	Level Tested %	Comment
BAT	0.00100	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.

Micronucleus		
Published Source	Level Tested %	Comment
BAT	0.00100	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	0.00100	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.

Inhalation		
Published Source	Level Tested %	Comment
BAT	0.00100	The results indicate that the addition of the ingredient had no discernible effect on the inhalation toxicity of mainstream smoke.

Mouse Skin Painting		
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Published Source	Level Tested %	Comment

References

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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

Organism	Test Type	Route	Reported Dose	Reference
rabbit	LD ₅₀	skin	> 5 g/kg	Food and Chemical Toxicology. Vol. 20, Pg. 735, 1982
rat	LD ₅₀	oral	> 5 g/kg	Food and Chemical Toxicology. Vol. 20, Pg. 735, 1982

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