

To Whom It May Concern:

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## **Statement on the legal status of Transglutaminase**

We, Ajinomoto Foods EUROPE SAS, following the EU Parliament's decision of May 19th 2010 on Thrombin, would like to stress the following:

Thrombin-with fibrinogen- applied under EU Regulation 1333/2008 to the European Commission to receive an authorisation of use as a food additive. Yesterday the European Parliament has decided not to grant Thrombin a food additive use approval.

**In the EU the status of Transglutaminase which ACTIVA® preparations are composed of remains unchanged.**

**Transglutaminase is defined as a processing aid in the current EU legislation on food enzymes, EU regulation 1332/2008.**

France, like some EU member states, currently has national enzyme regulations. In France Transglutaminase is approved as a processing aid in many different food categories.

Transglutaminase is approved as a safe enzyme for food use in many other countries outside the European Union including-but not limited to- the U.S.A., Canada, Brazil, Japan, Korea, China and Thailand. In the USA Transglutaminase is considered as GRAS: Generally Recognized As Safe.

Transglutaminase can be used in EU legally like other food enzymes which are commonly used for the manufacturing of beer, cheese, bread, etc.

Sincerely,  
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