§ 184.1610 Potassium alginate.

(a) Potassium alginate (CAS Reg. No. 9005–36–1) is the potassium salt of alginic acid, a natural polyuronide constituent of certain brown algae. Potassium alginate is prepared by the neutralization of purified alginic acid with appropriate pH control agents.

(b) The ingredient meets the specifications of the Food Chemicals Codex, 3d Ed. (1981), p. 239, which is incorporated by reference. Copies are available from the National Academy Press, 2101 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20418, or available for inspection at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, call 202–741–6030, or go to: http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/code_of_federal_regulations/ibr_locations.html.

(c) In accordance with §184.1(b)(2), the ingredient is used in food within the following specific limitations:

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<tr>
<th>Category of food</th>
<th>Maximum level of use in food (as served) (percent)</th>
<th>Functional use</th>
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<tr>
<td>Confections and frostings, §170.3(n)(9) of this chapter.</td>
<td>0.1</td>
<td>Stabilizer, thickener, §170.3(o)(28) of this chapter.</td>
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<td>Gelatins and puddings, §170.3(n)(22) of this chapter.</td>
<td>0.7</td>
<td>Do.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Processed fruits and fruit juices, §170.3(n)(35) of this chapter.</td>
<td>0.29</td>
<td>Do.</td>
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<td>All other food categories.</td>
<td>0.01</td>
<td>Do.</td>
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(d) Prior sanctions for potassium alginate different from the uses established in this section do not exist or have been waived.

§ 184.1613 Potassium bicarbonate.

(a) Potassium bicarbonate (KHCO₃, CAS Reg. No. 298–14–6) is made by the following processes:

(1) By treating a solution of potassium hydroxide with carbon dioxide;

(2) By treating a solution of potassium carbonate with carbon dioxide.

(b) The ingredient meets the specifications of the Food Chemicals Codex, 3d Ed. (1981), p. 239, which is incorporated by reference. Copies are available from the National Academy Press, 2101 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20418, or available for inspection at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, call 202–741–6030, or go to: http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/code_of_federal_regulations/ibr_locations.html.

(c) In accordance with §184.1(b)(1), the ingredient is used in food with no limitation other than current good manufacturing practice. The affirmation of this ingredient as generally recognized as safe (GRAS) as a direct human food ingredient is based upon the following current good manufacturing practice conditions of use:

(1) The ingredient is used as a formulation aid as defined in §170.3(o)(14) of this chapter; nutrient supplement as defined in §170.3(o)(20) of this chapter; pH control agent as defined in §170.3(o)(23) of this chapter; and processing aid as defined in §170.3(o)(24) of this chapter.

(2) The ingredient is used in food at levels not to exceed current good manufacturing practice.

(d) Prior sanctions for this ingredient different from the uses established in this section do not exist or have been waived.

§ 184.1619 Potassium carbonate.

(a) Potassium carbonate (K₂CO₃, CAS Reg. No. 584–08–7) is produced by the following methods of manufacture:

(1) By electrolysis of potassium chloride followed by exposing the resultant potassium to carbon dioxide;

(2) By treating a solution of potassium hydroxide with excess carbon dioxide to produce potassium carbonate;

(3) By treating a solution of potassium hydroxide with carbon dioxide to produce potassium bicarbonate, which is then heated to yield potassium carbonate.

(b) The ingredient meets the specifications of the Food Chemicals Codex,