DECLARATION - BEESWAX FOR FOOD APPLICATIONS

English translation of manufacturer declaration dated 28 January 2021

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Beeswax is a food additive and carries the European approval number E 901. In the food industry, beeswax is used in the functional classes glazing agents, release agents, fillers and carriers.

The food industry uses E 901 for various purposes; beeswax is frequently used as a coating or surface-treatment agent. Fruit treated with beeswax, for example, loses less moisture through the peel. In addition to the food industry, the pharmaceutical, cosmetics and candle industries are also major users of beeswax.

According to the source declaration, beeswax is generally regarded as a harmless food additive. Therefore, no recommended maximum acceptable daily intake (ADI) has been established. The declaration states that the additive is not metabolised by the human body but is excreted unchanged. For use as a food additive, the beeswax is thoroughly purified so that residues are removed as far as possible.