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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on food additives[(1)], and in particular Article 10(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 lays down a Union list of food additives approved for use in food additives, food enzymes, flavourings, nutrients and their conditions of use.

(2) That list may be updated in accordance with the common procedure referred to in Article 3(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1331/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council[(2)], either on the initiative of the Commission or following an application.

(3) Commission Regulation (EU) No 685/2014[(3)] authorises the use of polyvinyl alcohol-polyethylene glycol-*graft*-co-polymer (PVA-PEG *graft* co-polymer) (E 1209) in food supplements in solid form.

(4) In order to improve the flow properties of the polymer powder, silicon dioxide (E 551) is used in PVA-PEG *graft* co-polymer. The expected carry-over of silicon dioxide in the final food via the use of PVA-PEG *graft* co-polymer is 300-500 mg/kg. At this level silicon dioxide has no technological function in the food supplement.

(5) The European Food Safety Authority evaluated the safety of PVA-PEG *graft* co-polymer when used as a food additive and concluded that its use in food supplements as film coating is of no safety concern for the proposed uses[(4)]. The safety assessment also included the specified use of silicon dioxide in PVA-PEG *graft* co-polymer.

(6) It is therefore appropriate to authorise the use of silicon dioxide in PVA-PEG *graft* co-polymer.

(7) Part 2 of Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 should therefore be amended accordingly.

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/639. (See end of Document for details)*

(8) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Part 2 of Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 23 April 2015.

For the Commission

The President

Jean-Claude JUNCKER