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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 14 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1331/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 establishing a common authorisation procedure for food additives, food enzymes and food flavourings[(2)], and in particular Article 7(5) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EU) No 231/2012[(3)] lays down specifications for food additives listed in Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008.

(2) Those specifications may be updated in accordance with the common procedure referred to in Article 3(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1331/2008, either on the initiative of the Commission or following an application.

(3) When updating those specifications it is necessary to take into account the specifications and analytical techniques for food additives as set out in the Codex Alimentarius as drafted by the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives.

(4) Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 contains errors in the specifications for sodium bisulphite (E 222), sodium lactate (E 325) and ammonium phosphatides (E 442). Those errors should be corrected.

(5) Commission Regulation (EU) No 380/2012 of 3 May 2012 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the conditions of use and the use levels for aluminium-containing food additives[(4)] deletes the food additives calcium aluminium silicate (E 556) and aluminium silicate (kaolin) (E 559) from the list of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 as of 1 February 2014. Consequently, the specifications for those food additives should also be deleted.

(6) Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 contains two errors regarding Einecs numbers[(5)] assigned to disodium guanylate (E 627) and dipotassium guanylate (E 628). Those errors should be corrected.

(7) Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 should therefore be amended and corrected accordingly.

(8) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health and neither the European Parliament nor the Council has opposed them,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Annex to Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 is amended and corrected 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, 29 May 2013.

For the Commission

The President

José Manuel BARROSO