



COFALEC statement

Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 (Covid 19)

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As of today, food has not been identified as a likely source or route of transmission of the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 (Covid 19).

Indeed, there has been no report of transmission of the SARS-CoV-2 (Covid 19) via food and therefore there is no evidence that food items including yeast produced and imported into the European Union in accordance with the applicable regulations governing EU food production and imports from third countries pose a risk for the health of EU citizens in relation to SARS-CoV-2.*

Consequently, yeast can be consumed as usual.

The European Yeast industry will continue to monitor developments regarding SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19) in relation to food and yeast products and will act in accordance if there are any changes in the risk assessment.”

*<https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/novel-coronavirus-china/questions-answers>