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The European Union approves EDA Guidance for 'Cheese as raw material' and ASSIFONTE 'Good Manufacturing Practice Guidelines for Processed Cheese'

"The EDA guidelines for 'cheese as raw material' are a concise and state of the art compendium on the high safety and quality of cheese as raw material within the processing industry. These guidelines are completed by the ASSIFONTE 'Good Manufacturing Guidelines Practice for Processed Cheese', which set an EU benchmark and a best practice manual for the processed cheese industry. Both guidelines, that will be translated into all 23 official EU languages, underline the global leadership of the EU cheese and processed cheese industry also when it comes to safety and quality", stated **Alexander Anton**, secretary general of EDA and of ASSIFONTE.

"EU Commission's Standing Committee on the Food Chain unanimously approved the EDA Guidance for 'Cheese as raw material' and ASSIFONTE 'Good Manufacturing Practice Guidelines for Processed Cheese' in its last meeting. In other words, the European Commission and Member States have endorsed this major step for food safety, consumer protection and product quality across the Union. This is the fruit of over ten years of concentrated work from committed cheese experts from EDA and ASSIFONTE. I want to highlight specifically the work of **Claus Heggum** from the Danish Dairy Board, who really drove this project from the very beginning. This is also the result of the EDA and ASSIFONTE secretariat's high-level commitment, over the past 18 months on these project", congratulated **ASSIFONTE** chair **Ludwig Rupp**.

These two guidelines will be published in the near future on EU Commission's official food hygiene guidance platform (→ [website](#)).

→ [Link to EDA Guidance for 'Cheese as raw material'](#) and → [ASSIFONTE 'Good Manufacturing Practice Guidelines for Processed Cheese'](#)





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The European Dairy Association represents the interests of dairy processors in the European Union. The membership of EDA consists of the associations of dairy processors in EU Member States.

ABOUT ASSIFONTE

ASSIFONTE represents the European processed cheese sector at large. It gives the entire sector a voice at the European level and provides a platform for industry experts to exchange new innovations and best practices with the right EU policy-makers.

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