

IMPORTANT INFORMATION & CLARIFICATION
About SMOKE FLAVOURINGS
 Directive CE 2065 / 2003

1°) Since January 2007, our products of smoke flavourings , (of the line AFS, meaning AmCan Forest Smoke) are no more manufactured from what we call *Primary smoke flavouring Product FF_B*, but from two other *Primary smoke flavouring Products* of which the applications, files, have been recorded in a legal and official way to Authorities Europeans (EFSA).

2°) In April 2007, the American Company FOREST FLAVOR INT'L asked the EFSA to withdraw the file of approval of its FF-B product, since they didn't manufacture anymore this product, originally intended to the European market.

http://www3.efsa.europa.eu/register/qr_panels_9_en.html

EFSA-Q-2005-260	Smoke flavour primary product- Regulation 2065/2003	AFC	Member State - France	FF-B	16 June 2005	Withdrawn, Application withdrawn on request of the applicant on 23/4/2007
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3°) On May 3, 2007, the Companies AMCAN Ingredients and FOREST Flavors have been received to Brussels, in Offices of the European Commission, Froissard street.

The demand of withdrawal of the FF-B product has been ratified and it has been confirmed that "*Smoke products and derivated smoke flavours* " distributed by AMCAN Ingrédients /AmCanForestSmoke were not manufactured anymore since the beginning of the year 2007 from this *primary FF-B product*.

Considering the in force procedures (Dir.CE 2065/2003) – we were considered therefore as " without file of application ", the Commission asked us then expressly to withdraw of the sale our products that could still contain this FF_B origin, what we immediately made . (in date of May 11, after communication of the involved inventory to the Commission).

4°) We also confirmed to the Commission that since Feb./March 2007, all products of our AFS /AmCanForestSmoke range (AFS 3, AFS 6 +, AFS 66, AFS 10, AFS SUPER 12, AFS SUPER 12 SOL, AFS MEGA 16, AFS MEGA 2000, AFS BBQ OIL, AFS Powder P 720, AFS Autumn Red, AFS PG 50, AFS G 25, AFS G 26 M ,etc...) that we continue to market on Europe were no more therefore from origin the "*primary product FF-B*" .

5°) Today, we think that our distributors, as well as our direct customers, don't have any more relative stocks to these incriminated products.

6°) However, thanks to the traceability in our records and the batch numbers that we report on all our invoices and slips of delivery, we are quite able to answer to questioning of our customers and distributors:



7°) Thus, on jerrycans/round pails (5 gallons) and drums of liquid smokes (55 gallons) , if the code of the batch number – the part encodes – ends by 06, you must not use this product anymore.

8°) With the cartons of Smoke Powder AFS P 720, if the shelf-life is *Best Before FEB.2008*, -or earlier- , you don't must anymore either to use them.

if it is the case, please communicate (quality.rd@amcan-ingredients.com) what product is concerned, quantities and complete details of the batch numbers and we will immediately replace you and gracefully these products.

We are distressed of this incident and disruptions that it could generate in your products, your Services and relations with your other customers, but we remain confident in the future of this range of smoke aromas.

Signed ,

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N.B.

The interruption of the sale of the incriminated products concerns of course **only** the *liquid smokes* of the AFS range *derivate from FF_B primary product*, delivered in 5 gallon round pails or in 55 gallon drums .

The finished products (such lard and smoked sausages, smoked almonds, BBQS sauces, spices and salts smoked, etc...) containing smoke flavours from FF_B origin, **are not concerned by this measure.**