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PETITION FOR THE LISTING OF MALIC ACID ON THE USDA NATIONAL LIST
OF ALLOWED AND PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

This is a petition to amend the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances (National List) to include the use of Malic Acid in organic processing operations. With this petition, Honest Tea requests review of Malic Acid for consideration and, if appropriate, listing on the Proposed National List of Organic substances.

Malic acid is a naturally occurring acid found in fruits such as apples and cherries. The addition of a small amount of Malic acid to beverages reduces the pH to inhibit growth of bacteria. As a food ingredient, malic acid is a processing aid. It is a white, free-flowing crystalline product. It is Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS) by the Food and Drug Administration and complies with the specifications of the Food Chemicals Codex (FCC). Malic acid is used in dry mix beverages, carbonated beverages, bakery products, fruit juices, candies, gelatins, desserts, frozen specialties, tea, etc. It is a flavor enhancer and food acidulant. It provides greater tartness and better taste retention than other major food acids.

Malic acid occurs naturally in foods, and as an additive has been accepted in the United States for decades. One of the priorities of the National Organic Standards Board is to approve substances that will also be readily accepted in international trade. Malic acid has already been approved in the organic standards for Canada, the European Union and Japan.

Please contact me with any questions you may have regarding this petition, which was carefully prepared by Ruth Peckham. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Petition for the Inclusion of Malic Acid on the National Organic Standards Board List of Approved Organic Substances

Item A: With this petition, Honest Tea is requesting the evaluation of Malic Acid for inclusion on:

5. The list of substances allowed in or on processed products labeled as “organic” or “made with organic (specified ingredients).”

The following information addresses the Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Services Notice of Guidelines and Call for National List Petitions as discussed in the July 13, 2000 Federal Register Notification (Volume 65, 43259-43261).

Item B:

1. The common name for the substance: Malic Acid

Synonyms: DL-Hydroxy butanedioic acid
1-hydroxy-1, 2-ethanedicarboxylic acid

2. Petitioner’s name, address and telephone number:

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North American Manufacturers of Malic Acid:

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421 Seaman Street
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3. The intended or current use of the substance:

Malic acid is a food processing aid which is used in bottled iced tea, dry mix beverages, carbonated beverages, bakery products, fruit juices, candies, gelatins, desserts, frozen specialties, sports drinks, etc. It is a flavor enhancer and food acidulant. It provides greater tartness and better taste retention than other major food acids. It is a white, free-flowing crystalline product. In its natural form, it is an organic acid widely found in plants and animals, including apples and

cherries. It is Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS) by the Food and Drug Administration and complies with the specifications of the Food Chemicals Codex (FCC).

In the United States, Malic Acid is one of the miscellaneous and/or general-purpose food additives on the FDA list of GRAS (Generally Recognized as Safe) substances. It is approved in most major countries for food-products use. Malic acid has already been approved in the organic standards for the European Union, Canada, and Japan. Please refer to Appendix D of the National Standard of Canada Organic Agriculture (CAN/CGSB-32-310), the European Community Regulation (EEC) 2092/91 (Chapter 6, Section A), and Article 5 of the Japanese Agricultural Standard of Organic Agricultural Product Processed Foods (JASOAP) (included in Appendix B).

4. The substance's mode of action:

The petitioned use of Malic acid will be as a direct food additive and pH adjuster. Malic acid is used to lower the pH of beverages to inhibit the growth of bacteria. Malic acid is also a superior flavor enhancer and food acidulant. It provides greater tartness and better taste retention than other major food acids. At Honest Tea, we add malic acid to our bottled iced tea product after brewing the tea, and during the batching process. At that time, the water temperature is approximately 190° F and the pH ranges from 4-5.

Non-food uses of malic acid include pharmaceuticals, paints, metal cleaning, electroplating, soaps and as a chelating agent.

5. The source of the substance and a detailed description of its manufacturing or processing procedures from the basic components to the final product:

Malic acid's chemical composition is $C_4H_6O_5$. Malic acid is produced by hydration of Maleic Anhydride (derived from butane), which is converted to maleic and then malic acid. Bartek, a manufacturer of Malic Acid, makes DL-Malic Acid by the catalytic conversion of butane gas, water, and oxygen to DL Malic Acid. This is a proprietary process owned by Bartek, which results in a very high purity Malic Acid. The process results in 99% DL-Malic Acid and less than 1% fumaric acid.

L-malic acid occurs naturally in foods such as apples and cherries and is a fermentation product. L-malic acid is not commercially available. At times, a careful researcher can find L-malic acid suppliers in China on the Internet, but this product invariably turns out to be the synthetic DL-malic acid.

6. A summary of any available previous reviews by State or private certification programs or other organizations of the petitioned substance:

United States

CODEX – Malic Acid meets the specifications of the Food Chemicals Codex, 3rd Edition (1981) pp. 183-184. Available from the National Academy Press, 2101 Constitution Ave., NW. Washington, D.C. 20418 (included in Appendix A, Exhibit 1).

GRAS – Title 21, Chapter 1, Part 184 of the Code of Federal Regulation Direct food substances affirmed as generally recognized as safe (GRAS). Is approved for use as a Flavor enhancer, flavoring agent, adjuvant, and pH control agent (included in Appendix A, Exhibit 2).

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OMRI - Organic Materials Review Institute includes Malic Acid on the January 2001 Processing and Handling Materials OMRI Generic Materials list as an allowed non-organic ingredient. (included in Appendix A, Exhibit 3)

Pennsylvania Certified Organic – approved use of Malic Acid by Honest Tea through 12/31/02, and during petitioning process until September 31, 2003 (letter of initial approval included in Appendix A, Exhibit 4)

International

Canada – CAN/CGSB-32-310 – National Standard of Canada Organic Agriculture – Malic acid is allowed without restriction in Appendix D, Permitted Substances List for Processing (Appendix 4) (included in Appendix B, Exhibit 1)

Europe – EU 2092/91 – UKROFS Standards for Organic Food Production - Malic acid is approved as an allowed material for organic food processing in Annex VI, section A with no restrictions (included in Appendix B, Exhibit 2).

Japan – Japanese Agricultural Standard of Organic Agricultural Product Processed Foods – Malic acid is allowed to be used as a food additive without restriction in Article 5, Food Additives Table 1, Appendix B (included in Appendix B, Exhibit 3).

7. Information regarding EPA, FDA, and State regulatory authority registrations, including registration numbers:

GRAS: 21CFR184.1069

8. The Chemical Abstract Service (CAS) number:

CAS No.: Hydroxy Butanedioic Acid, 6915-15-7

9. The substance's physical properties and chemical mode of action including (a) chemical interactions with other substances, especially substances used in organic production:

Malic acid, C₄H₆O₅ is a hydroxy dicarboxylic acid. It is a white, crystalline material, and is a widely used food acidulant. According to Blair (Appendix C, Exhibit 4),

“Physical Properties. Malic acid crystallizes from aqueous solutions as white, translucent, anhydrous crystals.... On heating, D,L-malic acid decomposes at ca 180°C, by forming fumaric acid and maleic anhydride. Under normal conditions, malic acid is stable; under conditions of high humidity, it is hygroscopic. Malic acid is a relatively strong acid.

Reactions. Malic acid undergoes many of the characteristic reaction of dibasic acids, monohydric alcohols, and α-hydroxycarboxylic acids” (1100).

(b) Toxicity and environmental persistence and; (c) Environmental impacts from its use or manufacture:

“Malic acid production generates low levels of solid, airborne, and liquid waste. Solid waste is primarily nontoxic malic acid salts resulting from regenerating

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carbon cells and ion-exchange resins. Airborn emissions are primarily particulates. A 1% malic acid solution is readily biodegradable, with BOD of 5300 mg/L.” (Blair 1100)

(d) Effects on human health:

Malic acid is approved in the United States as one of the miscellaneous and/or general purpose food additives on the FDA list of Generally Recognized as Safe substances. It is approved in most major countries for food-products use. Malic acid is not a dangerous material, but can be irritating to the eyes, nasal passages and skin. Precautions should be taken to avoid contact while handling. If contact does occur, immediately rinse thoroughly with water.

(e) Effects on soil organisms, crops, or livestock:

According to the FAO Nutrition Meetings report (Appendix D, Exhibit 5) in the section entitled, “Long-term studies,” it is stated that there are no studies on the affects of malic acid on animals available. “Foods containing malic acid have been consumed by man for centuries without any apparent adverse affects. The daily human consumption of malic acid from vegetables, fruits, and their juices is calculated to be in the order of 1.5 to 3 g.”

10. Safety information about the substance including a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) and a substance report from the National Institute of Environmental Health Studies.

A Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) is attached in Appendix C. No substance report from the National Institute of Environmental Health Studies was available.

11. Research information about the substance which includes comprehensive substance research reviews and research bibliographies, including reviews and bibliographies which present contrasting positions to those presented by the petitioner in supporting the substance’s inclusion on or removal from the National List:

Blair, Gary T. “Hydroxy Dicarboxylic Acids.” Kirk-Othmer Concise Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology. 4th Ed. New York: Wiley, 1999 (included in Appendix D, Exhibit 1)

Boswell, Clay. “Pucker up: A taste for tartness drives acidulants.” Chemical Market Reporter, May 29, 2000, 257(22): FR16-FR17. (included in Appendix D, Exhibit 2)

Chemical Economic Handbook, SRI International. (Incomplete reference, will submit article to NOSB under separate cover if possible)

“Evaluation of the Health Aspects of Malic Acid.” National Technical Information Service study prepared for the FDA by the US Dept of Commerce, 1975. Life Sciences Research Office, Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology, Dept of Health Studies. Document number PB-223 865/7 (Available from National Technical Information Service at 1-800-553-6847, a copy will be sent to the NOSB under separate cover.)

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Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives. "Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives and their Toxicological Evaluation: Some Food Colours, Emulsifiers, Stabilizers, Anticaking Agents, and Certain Other Substances. Thirteenth Report." FAO Nutrition Meetings Report Series, No. 46, 1970; WHO Technical Report Series, No. 445, 1975. Available online at <http://jecfa.ilsa.org/annex1.htm> (included in Appendix D, Exhibit 4)

World Health Organization. "Specifications for the identity and purity of food additives and their Toxicological Evaluation: Some Antimicrobials, antioxidants, emulsifiers, stabilizers, flour treatment agents, acids and bases. Ninth Report." FAO Nutrition Meetings Report Series No. 40; World Health Organization: Technical Report Series No. 339. Available online at <http://www.inchem.org/documents/jecfa/40abcj45.htm> (included in Appendix D, Exhibit 4)

12. A "Petition Justification Statement" which provides justification for the inclusion of Malic Acid on the National List:

Malic acid is a naturally occurring acid found in fruits such as apples and cherries. The addition of a small amount of Malic acid to beverages reduces the pH to inhibit growth of bacteria. The flavor of beverages which contain malic acid as an ingredient is smooth and pleasing. No other food acidulant provides the flavor profile that malic acid does. The only commercially available type of the ingredient is the DL-malic acid.

A wide range of food products contain malic acid. Some examples are tea, fruit juices including orange juice, sports drinks, candies, and chewing gum. The nationwide consumption of malic acid was 18 million pounds in 1998, and is growing (Boswell, Appendix C, Exhibit 1). According to Daniel Sortwell, Senior Food Scientist at Bartek Ingredients, current worldwide Malic acid sales are 100 million pounds, most of which is for food use. He theorizes that most of the increase in sales is due to companies taking advantage of the flavor enhancing properties of Malic acid. While not all companies that use malic acid produce certified organic products, there is clearly a growing demand for the product. With the current fast growth in natural and alternative beverages, "niche" ingredients, such as malic acid will be in increasing demand (Tilton, Appendix C, Exhibit 2). That may translate into a larger demand for malic acid in organic food and beverage processing as well as conventional.

Malic acid occurs naturally in foods, and as an additive has been accepted in the United States for decades. One of the priorities of the National Organic Standards Board is to approve substances that will also be readily accepted in international trade. Malic acid fulfills that requirement as it has been approved for use in organic products in Canada, Europe and Japan.

13. Commercial Confidential Information Statement: A commercial confidential information statement is not necessary to this petitioner.

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Appendix A – Previous United States Reviews

Exhibit 1: CODEX – Malic Acid meets the specifications of the Food Chemicals Codex, 3rd Edition (1981) pp. 183-184. Available from the National Academy Press, 2101 Constitution Ave., NW. Washington, D.C. 20418.

Exhibit 2: GRAS – Title 21, Chapter 1, Part 184 of the Code of Federal Regulation Direct food substances affirmed as generally recognized as safe (GRAS). Is approved for use as a Flavor enhancer, flavoring agent, adjuvant, and pH control agent.

Exhibit 3: OMRI - Organic Materials Review Institute includes Malic Acid on the January 2001 Processing and Handling Materials OMRI Generic Materials list as an allowed non-organic ingredient.

Exhibit 4: Pennsylvania Certified Organic – approved use of Malic Acid by Honest Tea through 12/31/02, and during petitioning process until September 31, 2003 (letter of initial approval).

Appendix B – Previous International Reviews

Exhibit 1: Canada – CAN/CGSB-32-310 – National Standard of Canada Organic Agriculture – Malic acid is allowed without restriction in Appendix D, Permitted Substances List for Processing (Appendix 4)

Exhibit 2: Europe – EU 2092/91 – UKROFS Standards for Organic Food Production - Malic acid is approved as an allowed material for organic food processing in Annex VI, section A with no restrictions

Exhibit 3: Japan – Japanese Agricultural Standard of Organic Agricultural Product Processed Foods – Malic acid is allowed to be used as a food additive without restriction in Article 5, Food Additives Table 1, Appendix B (included in Appendix B, Exhibit 3).

Appendix C - MSDS

Exhibit 1: Malic Acid MSDS

Appendix D – Research Information

Exhibit 1: Blair, Gary T. “Hydroxy Dicarboxylic Acids.” Kirk-Othmer Concise Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology. 4th Ed. New York: Wiley, 1999.

Exhibit 2: Boswell, Clay. “Pucker up: A taste for tartness drives acidulants.” Chemical Market Reporter, May 29, 2000, 257(22): FR16-FR17.

Exhibit 3: Tilton, Helga. “Food Additives ’93: Acidulants – Hanging in there.” Chemical Marketing Reporter. July 12, 1993, 244(2): SR24-SR26.

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Appendix A – Previous United States Reviews

Exhibit 1: CODEX – Malic Acid meets the specifications of the Food Chemicals Codex, 3rd Edition (1981) pp. 183-184. Available from the National Academy Press, 2101 Constitution Ave., NW. Washington, D.C. 20418.

Exhibit 2: GRAS – Title 21, Chapter 1, Part 184 of the Code of Federal Regulation Direct food substances affirmed as generally recognized as safe (GRAS). Is approved for use as a Flavor enhancer, flavoring agent, adjuvant, and pH control agent.

Exhibit 3: OMRI - Organic Materials Review Institute includes Malic Acid on the January 2001 Processing and Handling Materials OMRI Generic Materials list as an allowed non-organic ingredient.

Exhibit 4: Pennsylvania Certified Organic – approved use of Malic Acid by Honest Tea through 12/31/02, and during petitioning process until September 31, 2003 (letter of initial approval).

Appendix B – Previous International Reviews

Exhibit 1: Canada – CAN/CGSB-32-310 – National Standard of Canada Organic Agriculture – Malic acid is allowed without restriction in Appendix D, Permitted Substances List for Processing (Appendix 4)

Exhibit 2: Europe – EU 2092/91 – UKROFS Standards for Organic Food Production - Malic acid is approved as an allowed material for organic food processing in Annex VI, section A with no restrictions

Exhibit 3: Japan – Japanese Agricultural Standard of Organic Agricultural Product Processed Foods – Malic acid is allowed to be used as a food additive without restriction in Article 5, Food Additives Table 1, Appendix B (included in Appendix B, Exhibit 3).

Appendix C - MSDS

Exhibit 1: Malic Acid MSDS

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(c) In accordance with §184.1(b)(1), the ingredient is used in food with no limitation other than current good manufacturing practice. The affirmation of this ingredient as generally recognized as safe as a direct human food ingredient is based upon the following current good manufacturing practice conditions of use:

(1) The ingredient is used as an emulsifier as defined in §170.3(o)(8) of this chapter.

(2) The ingredient is used at levels not to exceed current good manufacturing practice.

[61 FR 45889, Aug. 30, 1996]

§ 184.1065 Linoleic acid.

(a) Linoleic acid ((Z, Z)-9, 12-octadecadienoic acid (C₁₇H₃₁COOH) (CAS Reg. No. 60-33-3)), a straight chain unsaturated fatty acid with a molecular weight of 280.5, is a colorless oil at room temperature. Linoleic acid may be prepared from edible fats and oils by various methods including hydrolysis and saponification, the Twitchell method, low pressure splitting with catalyst, continuous high pressure counter current splitting, and medium pressure autoclave splitting with catalyst.

(b) FDA is developing food-grade specifications for linoleic acid in cooperation with the National Academy of Sciences. In the interim, this ingredient must be of a purity suitable for its intended use. The ingredient must also meet the specifications in §172.860(b) of this chapter.

(c) In accordance with §184.1(b)(1), the ingredient is used in food with no limitation other than current good

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manufacturing practice. The affirmation of this ingredient as generally recognized as safe (GRAS) as a direct human food ingredient is based upon the following current good manufacturing practice conditions of use:

(1) The ingredient is used as a flavoring agent and adjuvant as defined in §170.3(o)(12) of this chapter and as a nutrient supplement as defined in §170.3(o)(20) of this chapter.

(2) The ingredient is used in foods at levels not to exceed current good manufacturing practice. The ingredient may be used in infant formula in accordance with section 412(g) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the act) or with regulations promulgated under section 412(a)(2) of the act.

(d) Prior sanctions for this ingredient different from the uses established in this section do not exist or have been waived.

[49 FR 48534, Dec. 13, 1984]

§ 184.1069 Malic acid.

(a) Malic acid (C₄H₆O₅, CAS Reg. No. of L-form 97-67-6, CAS Reg. No. of DL-form 617-48-1) is the common name for 1-hydroxy-1, 2-ethanedicarboxylic acid. L (+) malic acid, referred to as L-malic acid, occurs naturally in various foods. Racemic DL-malic acid does not occur naturally. It is made commercially by hydration of fumaric acid or maleic acid.

(b) The ingredient meets the specifications of the "Food Chemicals Codex," 3d Ed. (1981), pp. 183-184, which is incorporated by reference. Copies may be obtained from the National Academy Press, 2101 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20418, or may be examined at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC 20408.

(c) The ingredients are used as a flavor enhancer as defined in §170.3(o)(11) of this chapter, flavoring agent and adjuvant as defined in §170.3(o)(12) of this chapter, and pH control agent as defined in §170.3(o)(23) of this chapter.

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a maximum level, as served, of 3.4 percent for nonalcoholic beverages as defined in §170.3(n)(3) of this chapter; 3.0 percent for chewing gum as defined in §170.3(n)(6) of this chapter; 0.8 percent for gelatins, puddings, and fillings as defined in §170.3(n)(22) of this chapter; 6.9 percent for hard candy as defined in §170.3(n)(25) of this chapter; 2.6 percent for jams and jellies as defined in §170.3(n)(28) of this chapter; 3.5 percent for processed fruits and fruit juices as defined in §170.3(n)(35) of this chapter; 3.0 percent for soft candy as defined in §170.3(n)(38) of this chapter; and 0.7 percent for all other food categories.

(e) Prior sanctions for malic acid different from the uses established in this section do not exist or have been waived.

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§ 184.1077 Potassium acid tartrate.

(a) Potassium acid tartrate ($C_4H_5KO_6$, CAS Reg. No. 868-14-4) is the potassium acid salt of L-(+)-tartaric acid and is also called potassium bitartrate or cream of tartar. It occurs as colorless or slightly opaque crystals or as a white, crystalline powder. It has a pleasant, acid taste. It is obtained as a byproduct of wine manufacture.

(b) The ingredient meets the specifications of the Food Chemicals Codex, 3d Ed. (1981), P. 238, which is incorporated by reference. Copies are available from the National Academy Press, 2101 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20418, or available for inspection at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC 20408.

(c) In accordance with §184.1(b)(1), the ingredient is used in food with no limitation other than current good manufacturing practice. The affirmation of this ingredient as generally recognized as safe (GRAS) as a direct human food ingredient is based upon the following current good manufacturing practice conditions of use:

(1) The ingredient is used as an anticaking agent as defined in §170.3(o)(1) of this chapter; an antimicrobial agent as defined in §170.3(o)(2) of this chapter; a formulation aid as defined in §170.3(o)(14) of this chapter; a humectant as defined in

§170.3(o)(16) of this chapter; a leavening agent as defined in §170.3(o)(17) of this chapter; A pH control agent as defined in §170.3(o)(23) of this chapter; a processing aid as defined in §170.3(o)(24) of this chapter; a stabilizer and thickener as defined in §170.3(o)(28) of this chapter; and a surface-active agent as defined in §170.3(o)(29) of this chapter.

(2) The ingredient is used in the following foods at levels not to exceed current good manufacturing practice: baked goods as defined in §170.3(n)(1) of this chapter; confections and frostings as defined in §170.3(n)(9) of this chapter; gelatins and puddings as defined in §170.3(n)(22) of this chapter; hard candy as defined in §170.3(n)(25) of this chapter; jams and jellies as defined in §170.3(n)(28) of this chapter; and soft candy as defined in §170.3(n)(38) of this chapter.

(d) Prior sanctions for this ingredient different from the uses established in this section do not exist or have been waived.

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§ 184.1081 Propionic acid.

(a) Propionic acid ($C_3H_6O_2$, CAS Reg. No. 79-09-4) is an oily liquid having a slightly pungent, rancid odor. It is manufactured by chemical synthesis or by bacterial fermentation.

(b) The ingredient meets the specifications of the Food Chemicals Codex, 3d Ed. (1981), p. 254, which is incorporated by reference. Copies are available from the National Academy Press, 2101 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20418, or available for inspection at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC 20408.

(c) In accordance with §184.1(b)(1), the ingredient is used in food with no limitation other than current good manufacturing practice. The affirmation of this ingredient as generally recognized as safe (GRAS) as a direct human food ingredient is based upon the following current good manufacturing practice conditions of use:

(1) The ingredient is used as an antimicrobial agent as defined in §170.3(o)(2) of this chapter and a flavoring agent as defined in §170.3(o)(12) of this chapter.

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TITLE 21--FOOD AND DRUGS

CHAPTER I--FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN

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PART 184--DIRECT FOOD SUBSTANCES AFFIRMED AS GENERALLY RECOGNIZED AS SAFE--Table of Contents

Subpart B--Listing of Specific Substances Affirmed as GRAS

Sec. 184.1069 Malic acid.

(a) Malic acid (C₄H₆O₅, CAS Reg. No. of L-form 97-67-6, CAS Reg. No. of DL-form 617-48-1) is the common name for 1-hydroxy-1, 2-ethanedicarboxylic acid. L (+) malic acid, referred to as L-malic acid, occurs naturally in various foods. Racemic DL-malic acid does not occur naturally. It is made commercially by hydration of fumaric acid or maleic acid.

(b) The ingredient meets the specifications of the "Food Chemicals Codex," 3d Ed. (1981), pp. 183-184, which is incorporated by reference.
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may be obtained from the National Academy Press, 2101 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20418, or may be examined at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC 20408.

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(d) The ingredients are used in food, except baby food, at levels

not to exceed good manufacturing practice in accordance with Sec. 184.1(b)(1). Current good manufacturing practice results in a

maximum level, as served, of 3.4 percent for nonalcoholic beverages as

defined in Sec. 170.3(n)(3) of this chapter; 3.0 percent for chewing gum

as defined in Sec. 170.3(n)(6) of this chapter; 0.8 percent for gelatins, puddings, and fillings as defined in Sec. 170.3(n)(22) of this

chapter; 6.9 percent for hard candy as defined in Sec. 170.3(n)(25) of

this chapter; 2.6 percent for jams and jellies as defined in Sec. 170.3(n)(28) of this chapter; 3.5 percent for processed fruits and

fruit juices as defined in Sec. 170.3(n)(35) of this chapter; 3.0 percent for soft candy as defined in Sec. 170.3(n)(38) of this chapter;

and 0.7 percent for all other food categories.

(e) Prior sanctions for malic acid different from the uses established in this section do not exist or have been waived.

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OMRI Status	NAME of MATERIAL	OMRI Class	ANNOTATION
A -	limonene	CDS PPC	Must be labeled for food processing and handling use.
A -	lipase, animal	NOI	Allowed. See animal-derived enzymes. <i>NOSB: N, A. Rennet (animal-derived); catalase - bovine liver; animal lipase; pancreatin; pepsin; trypsin. (D.C., 2000)</i>
A -	locust bean gum [†]	NOI	See gums, vegetable.
R -	lye	PPA	See sodium hydroxide.
	magnesium carbonate, mined [†]		See IFOAM appendix. <i>NOSB: Tabled. (Indianapolis)</i>
A -	magnesium carbonate, reacted	WOI	Allowed in products "made with organic ingredients." <i>NOSB: S, P. Unacceptable for use in organic foods, but acceptable for use in the food category "made with organic ingredients." (Indianapolis)</i>
P -	magnesium carbonate, reacted	NOI	Prohibited. <i>NOSB: S, P. Unacceptable for use in organic foods, but acceptable for use in the food category "made with organic ingredients." (Indianapolis)</i>
A -	magnesium chloride [†]	NOI	Allowed only if derived from seawater. <i>NOSB: S, A. Allowed only if derived from seawater. (D.C., 1999. Amends Austin 1995 vote.)</i>
P -	magnesium silicate	PPA	Prohibited. <i>NOSB: S, P. (Austin)</i>
A -	magnesium	WOI	Allowed as WOI. <i>NOSB: S, P. Unacceptable for use in organic foods, but acceptable for use in the food category "made with organic ingredients." (Austin)</i>
P -	magnesium	NOI	Prohibited for use in organic food. <i>NOSB: S, P. Unacceptable for use in organic foods, but acceptable for use in the food category "made with organic ingredients." (Austin)</i>
A -	magnesium sulfate	NOI	Non-synthetic sources allowed. <i>NOSB: N, A. The synthetic form of this substance is to be reviewed at a later date by the Processing Committee. (Orlando)</i>
A -	malic acid	NOI	Allowed. <i>NOSB: The NOSB voted on tartaric acid made from malic acid. (Austin)</i>
P -	methyl bromide	PPC	Prohibited.
A -	microbial products [†]	NOI	Includes cultures and yeasts, as well as enzymes and gums derived from microorganisms. Products made from organisms that have been genetically modified by recombinant DNA techniques are prohibited.
A -	minerals [†]	NOI	Allowed only when required by law or regulation, or recommended by an independent professional body. <i>NOSB: S, A. Listed under nutrient vitamins and minerals. Limited to that which is required by regulation or recommended for enrichment and fortification by independent professional associations. (Austin)</i>
A -	mono/diglycerides	NOI	For use in drum drying of food only. <i>NOSB: S, A. For use in drum drying of food only. (Orlando)</i>

NOSB = Recommendation from the National Organic Standards Board—see Final Rule and National List; PPC = Processing Pest Control; CDS = Cleansers, Disinfectants, and Sanitizers; PPA = Processing Production Aids; OI = Organic Ingredients; NOI = Non-Organic Ingredients; WOI = made With Organic Ingredients © 2001 Organic Materials Review Institute † See IFOAM Appendix

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Appendix A
Exhibit 4



Certification Report

TO:
Honest Tea
Seth Goldman
5019 Wilson Lane
Bethesda MD 20814

File # 100548 **CERTIFICATION STATUS**
CERTIFICATION GRANTED

- 2001 Categories**
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|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Field Crops | <input type="checkbox"/> Handler | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-farm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Produce | <input type="checkbox"/> Livestock non-dairy | <input type="checkbox"/> Mushrooms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dairy | <input type="checkbox"/> Preinspection | <input type="checkbox"/> Maple/Honey |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Processor | <input type="checkbox"/> Poultry | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Your Organic System Plan or Annual Update has been approved with the conditions listed below.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

You must sign the bottom of this form and the Certification Agreement on the reverse side and return one copy to the PCO office within 30 days in order to validate your certification. When we receive your signed documents, we will send you your certificate.

If you have any questions about the required conditions, contact the PCO office. Please do not call your inspector because USDA organic regulations prohibit inspectors from consulting. Inspectors are independent of PCO and they do not make certification decisions. A copy of your Exit Interview conducted by the inspector is enclosed.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide your certification service and wish you well in your organic endeavors!

Conditions of Certification

REVISED CERTIFICATION CONDITIONS 6/14/02:

1. Current labels are approved for use until 12/31/02. Any organic product processed beginning 1/1/03 must be labeled in compliance with the National Organic Program. Your plan for new labels of bottled tea is approved.
2. Malic acid can be used as an ingredient in Assam and Haarlem Honeybush bottled teas until 12/31/02. Beginning 1/1/03, Malic acid, which is not on the National List cannot be used as an approved non organic ingredient.

REVISED CERTIFICATION CONDITIONS 5/9/02:

Copack International:

Thank you for addressing the following exit interview concerns:

1. Lot coding of retail cartons
2. Clean truck report for every shipment of organic product
3. Indication of organic status on packing lists/bill of lading.

Samples of the above documents will be checked at your next inspection.

PRIOR CERTIFICATION CONDITIONS ON NEXT PAGE...

Compliance Dates – Conditions listed above must be completed on or before the following date(s):

Copack International

Conditions will be checked at their next inspection.

Honest Tea Office

1. Sample documentation due 7-1-02
2. Sample labels with 2002 certification renewal 9-15-02

Three Rivers Bottling

All conditions due by 6-1-02

Revised conditions

New labels used beginning 1-1-03
Malic acid approved until 12-31-02

I understand that I must comply with the above-listed conditions in order to receive or continue my organic certification.

Reviewed by _____, 6-13-02
Date

Your signature _____, 6/24/02
Date

Comments:

**Pennsylvania Certified Organic, 1919 General Potter Highway, Suite 1, Centre Hall, PA 16828
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D1. NON-SYNTHETIC AND NON-ORGANIC ADDITIVES FOR ORGANIC FOOD PRODUCTS

D1.1 Substances in this generic list allowed as ingredients in or on processed products labelled as "organic" or "made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s))" shall be of limited use only and should be substituted with organic alternatives whenever possible.

D1.2 The following inputs are generally permitted when used in accordance with par. 1.5 where applicable:

SUBSTANCE	DESCRIPTION: COMPOSITIONAL REQUIREMENTS: CONDITIONS OF USE
NON-SYNTHETIC	
Acids	Including (i) alginic, (ii) citric - produced by microbial fermentation of carbohydrate substances, and (iii) lactic.
Active Carbon ¹	
Agar	Water extracts only, for livestock and bee products.
Bentonite	As a clarifying agent.
Calcium carbonate	For milk products. Not as colouring agent.
Calcium chloride	For milk products/fat products/fruits , meat, and vegetables/soybean products.
Carageenan	For milk products.
Casein ¹	
Colours	Non-synthetic sources only.
Dairy cultures	
Diatomaceous earth	As a food filtering aid, or clarifying agent only.
Egg white (hen)	Albumen and albumin, as a clarifying agent; organic origin preferred.
Enzymes	Any preparations of enzymes normally used in food processing, derived from edible, nontoxic plants, nonpathogenic fungi, or nonpathogenic bacteria, with the exception of microorganisms

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	genetically engineered/modified or enzymes derived from genetic engineering.
Flavours ⁷	From non-synthetic sources only and must not be produced using synthetic solvents and carrier systems or any artificial preservative.
Kaolin	As a clarifying agent.
Isinglass	As a fining agent, (fish-based).
Lactic Acid	For fermented vegetable products or in sausage casings.
Magnesium sulphate	From non-synthetic sources only.
Microorganisms, (processing derivatives) ¹	Including any preparations of microorganisms normally used in food processing, with the exception of microorganisms genetically engineered/ modified or enzymes derived from genetic engineering, with no added chemosynthetic substance ¹
Nitrogen	Only oil-free grades.
Oxygen	Only oil-free grades.
Perlite	For use only as a filter aid in food processing
Potassium chloride	For vegetables/canned fruit frozen fruit and vegetables, vegetable sauces/ketchup and mustard; with or without calcium carbonate as an anti-caking agent.
Potassium iodide	
Sodium bicarbonate	
Sodium carbonate	For cakes & biscuits, or confectionery.
Sodium chloride	With or without calcium carbonate as an anti-caking agent.
Sodium tartrate	For cakes/confectionery.
Talc ¹	
Vegetable fat and oil ¹ and vegetable extracts	Obtained without the use of synthetic solvents
Waxes	Only non-synthetic, (i) carnauba wax, and (ii) wood resin (processing product of resin component).

⁷ Substances and products labelled as natural flavouring substances or natural flavouring preparations as defined in Codex Alimentarius 1A - 1995, Section 5.7, in accordance with approval from the competent authority.

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Wood ash	For traditional cheeses, from organic sources.
Yeast	Non-synthetic, growth on petrochemical substrate and sulfite waste liquor is not permitted, as (i) autolysate, (ii) bakers' (may contain lecithin, obtained without the use of bleaches and/or organic solvents), (iii) brewers', and (iv) nutritional; (v) smoked - non-synthetic smoke flavoring process must be documented.
SYNTHETIC:	
Alginates (alginic acid, sodium alginate, potassium alginate)	
Ammonium bicarbonate	For use only as a leavening agent.
Ammonium carbonate	For use only as a leavening agent
Argon	For livestock and bee products.
Ascorbic acid	Only if not available in natural form.
Calcium citrate	
Calcium hydroxide	
Calcium sulphate	As a carrier for cakes & biscuits/soy bean products/bakers yeast.
Calcium phosphates (monobasic, dibasic, and tribasic forms)	Only for raising flour.
Carbon dioxide	
Cornstarch (native)	(R) not from sources that are genetically engineered/ modified or products derived from genetic engineering, with no added chemosynthetic substance.
Citric acid	From fruit and vegetable products.
Ethanol (ethyl alcohol)	
Ethylene	For postharvest ripening of fruit only.
Ferrous sulphate	For iron enrichment or fortification of foods when recommended or required by regulation.
Glycerides (as mono and diglycerides)	For use only in drum drying of food.
Glycerin	Produced by hydrolysis of fats and oils.
Gums	Water extracted only (arabic, guar, karaya, tragacanth, locust bean, carob bean); for milk products/fat/confectionery/canned meat/egg products.
Hydrogen peroxide	
Kelp	For use only as a thickener and dietary

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	supplement.
Lecithin	As obtained without the use of bleaches and organic solvents.
Magnesium carbonate	For use only in agricultural products labeled "made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s))," prohibited in agricultural products labeled "organic".
Magnesium chloride (nigari)	Derived from sea water, for soy bean products.
Magnesium stearate	For use only in agricultural products labeled "made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s))," prohibited in agricultural products labeled "organic".
Malic acid	
Ozone	
Pectin (low-methoxy)	Unmodified only, in milk products.
Pectin (high-methoxy)	Unmodified only.
Potassium acid tartrate (potassium hydrogen tartrate)	
Potassium tartrate made from tartaric acid	For cereals/cakes/confectionery.
Potassium carbonate	For cereals/cakes & biscuits/confectionery.
Potassium citrate	
Potassium hydroxide	(R) prohibited for use in lye peeling of fruits and vegetables.
Potassium iodide	For use only in agricultural products labeled "made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s))," prohibited in agricultural products labeled "organic".
Potassium phosphate	For use only in agricultural products labeled "made with organic (specific ingredients or food group(s))," prohibited in agricultural products labeled "organic".
Silicon dioxide	
Sodium citrate	For sausages/pasteurisation of egg whites/milk products.
Sodium hydroxide	For cereal products not permitted for use in lye peeling of fruits and vegetables.
Sodium phosphates	For use only in dairy foods.
Sodium tartrate	

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CHAPTER VI¹²

MATERIALS FOR USE IN ORGANIC FOOD PROCESSING

Introduction

For the purposes of this Chapter, the following definitions will apply:

1. ingredients : substances as defined in Provision 4 of this Regulation under the restrictions as referred to in Provision 6 (4) of Council Directive 79/112/EEC of 18 December 1978 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the labelling, presentation and advertising of foodstuffs for sale to the ultimate consumer.
2. ingredients of agricultural origin:
 - (a) single agricultural products and products derived therefrom by appropriate washing, cleaning, thermic and/or mechanical processes and/or by physical processes having the effect of reducing the moisture content of the product;
 - (b) also, products derived from the products mentioned under (a) by other processes used in food processing, unless these products are considered food additives or flavourings as defined under points 5 or 7 hereunder.
3. ingredients of non-agricultural origin : ingredients other than ingredients of agricultural origin and belonging to at least one of the following categories:
 - 3.1. food additives, including carriers for food additives, as defined under points 5 and 6 hereunder;
 - 3.2. flavourings, as defined under point 7 hereunder;
 - 3.3. water and salt;
 - 3.4. micro-organism preparations;
 - 3.5. minerals (including trace elements) and vitamins.
4. processing aids : substances as defined in Article 1 (3) (a) of Council Directive 89/107/EEC¹³ on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning food additives authorized for use in foodstuffs intended for human consumption;
5. food additives : substances as defined in Article 1 (1) and (2) of Directive 89/107/EEC and covered by that Directive or by a comprehensive Directive as referred to in Article 3(1) of Directive 89/107/EEC;
6. carriers, including carrier solvents : food additives used to dissolve, dilute, disperse or otherwise physically modify a food additive without altering its technological function in order to facilitate its handling, application or use;

¹² Regulation (EEC) No 207/93 which introduces Annex VI (the source of this Chapter) also lays down the minimal conditions that any amendment of Sections A and B has to satisfy and provides details concerning the use of any ingredient of agricultural origin not included in the Section C.

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7. flavouring : substances and products as defined in Article 1 (2) of Council Directive 88/388/EEC¹⁴ of 22 June 1988 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to flavourings for use in foodstuffs and to source materials for their production, and covered by that Directive.

General Principles

Sections A, B and C cover the ingredients and processing aids which may be used in the preparation of foodstuffs composed essentially of one or more ingredients of plant origin, referred to in Provision 1 (1) (b) of this Regulation, with the exception of wines.

Pending the adoption of rules in Sections A and B of this Chapter, and in order to cover specifically the preparation of foodstuffs composed of one or more livestock products, national rules shall apply¹⁵.

Notwithstanding reference to any ingredient in Sections A and C or any processing aid in Section B, any ingredient or such processing aid shall be used only in accordance with relevant Community legislation and/or national legislation compatible with the Treaty and, in the absence thereof, in accordance with the principles of good manufacturing practice for foodstuffs. In particular, additives shall be used according to the provisions of Directive 89/107/EEC and, where relevant, those of any comprehensive Directive as referred to in Article 3 (1) of Directive 89/107/EEC; flavourings shall be used according to the provisions of Directive 88/388/EEC and solvents according to the provisions of Council Directive 88/344/EEC¹⁶ of 13 June 1988 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States on extraction solvents used in the production of foodstuffs and food ingredients.

Section A - Ingredients Of Non-Agricultural Origin

A.1. Food additives, including carriers

	Name	Specific conditions
E 170	Calcium carbonates	All authorised functions except colouring ¹⁷
E 270	Lactic Acid	-
E 290	Carbondioxide	-
E 296	Malic acid	-
E 300	Ascorbic acid	-
E 306	Tocopherol-rich extract	anti-oxydant in fats and oils
E 322	Lecithins	-
E 330	Citric acid	-
E 333	Calcium citrates	-
E 334	Tartaric acid (L(+)-)	-
E 335	Sodium tartrate	-

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¹⁵ The Commission will present a draft regulation to a vote within the Standing Committee within two years of the adoption of Council Regulation 1804/99.

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E 401	Sodium alginate	-
E 402	Potassium alginate	-
E 406	Agar	-
E 407	Carrageenan	-
E 410	Locust beam gum	-
E 412	Guar gum	-
E 413	Tragacanth gum	-
E 414	Arabic gum	-
E 415	Xanthan gum	-
E 416	Karaga gum	-
E 442	Glycerol	Plant extracts
E 440 (i)	Pectin	-
E 500	Sodiumcarbonates	-
E 501	Potassiumcarbonates	-
E 503	Ammoniumcarbonates	-
E 504	Magnesiumcarbonates	-
E 516	Calcium sulphate	Carrier
E 524	Sodium hydroxide	surface treatment of Läuengeback
E 551	Silicon dioxide	Anti-caking agent for herbs and spices
E 938	Argon	-
E 941	Nitrogen	-
E 948	Oxygen	-

A.2. Flavourings within the meaning of Directive 88/388/EEC

Substances and products as defined in Article 1 (2) (b) (i) and 1 (2) (c) of Directive 88/388/EEC labelled as natural flavouring substances or natural flavouring preparations, according to Article 9 (1) (d) and (2) of that Directive.

A.3. Water and salt

Drinking water

Salt (with sodium chloride or potassium chloride as basic components), generally used in food processing.

A.4. Micro-organism preparations

- (i) Any preparations of micro-organisms normally used in food processing, with the exception of micro-organisms genetically modified within the meaning of Article 2 (2) of Directive 90/220/EEC¹⁸;
- (ii) Micro-organisms genetically modified within the meaning of Article 2 (2) of Directive 90/220/EEC : if they have been included according to the decision procedure of Provision 14.

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JAPANESE AGRICULTURAL STANDARD OF
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(UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION)

(Purposes)

Article 1 The purposes of this standard are to define the criteria, etc. of production methods of the organic agricultural product processed foods.

(Principles of Production of Organic Agricultural Product Processed Foods)

Article 2 The principles of the production of the organic agricultural product processed foods are as follows.

To preserve the characteristics of the organic agricultural products (called those prescribed by Japanese Agricultural Standard of Organic Agricultural Products (Article 3, the Notification No.59 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, of January 20, 2000); being the same hereafter.) which is the raw materials in the manufacturing and processing processes, the processing methods applying the physical and biological functions shall be used basically and the use of the food additives and drugs synthesized chemically shall be avoided.

(Definition)

Article 3 In this standard, the organic agricultural product processed foods are defined as the agricultural product processed foods produced by methods satisfying the

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criteria of Article 4.

(Criteria of Production Methods)

Article 4 The criteria of the production methods are as follows:

Items	Criteria
Raw materials (including processing aid)	<p>Do not use any materials except for those described as follows.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organic agricultural products (Limited to those attached with the label of grading on their packages, containers, or invoices. However, this is not applicable to the organic agricultural products produced by the persons manufacturing and processing the processed foods and graded by Article 14 or Article 15 of the Law Concerning Standardization and Proper Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products (hereafter called "Law").) 2. Organic agricultural product processed foods (Limited to those attached with the label of grading on their packages, containers, or invoices. However, this is not applicable to the organic agricultural product processed foods produced by persons manufacturing and processing the said processed foods and graded by Article 14 or Article 15 of the Law.) 3. Agricultural products except for 1 and 2 (except for the agricultural products concerning the same category to the organic agricultural products used for the raw materials, ionizing radiated foods, and those produced by the recombinant DNA technology (technology preparing the recombinant DNA by connecting DNA through the cleavage and recombination using enzyme, implanting it into a living cell, and proliferating it; being the same hereafter.)); livestock and marine products (except for the ionizing radiated foods and those produced by using the recombinant DNA technology), and their processed products (except for the agricultural product processed foods of the same category to the organic agricultural products used for the raw materials and the ionizing radiated foods). 4. Salt and water. 5. Food additive described in an attached table 1 (except for those produced using the recombinant DNA technology; being the same hereafter.).
Utilization ratio of raw	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the raw materials excluding the weights of the salt and the water, the ratio of the agricultural products except for

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materials	<p>the organic agricultural products and the organic agricultural product processed foods, livestock and marine products, and their processed products occupied to the weight shall be 5% or less.</p> <p>2. The use of the food additive shall be within the necessary minimum for manufacturing or processing the said processed foods.</p>
Management concerning manufacturing, processing, packaging, and other processes	<p>1. The manufacturing or processing methods shall be defined as the methods applying the physical or biological functions (the used enzyme, etc shall be limited to those without using the recombinant DNA technology.) except for cases using the food additive described in the attached table 1.</p> <p>2. No ionizing radiation shall be applied thereto for the disease and pest control, the preservation of the foods, the removal of the pathogens, or the sanitation.</p> <p>3. The drugs used for the disease and pest control shall be limited to those described in the attached table 2. When using those described in the attached table 2, prevent them from being mixed in the raw materials and the products.</p> <p>4. The organic agricultural products used for the raw materials or the organic agricultural product processed foods shall be controlled not to be mixed with other agricultural products or processed foods.</p> <p>5. The manufactured or processed organic agricultural product processed foods shall be controlled not to be polluted by the agricultural chemicals, detergent, disinfectant, and other drugs.</p>

(Labelling of the Names of the Organic Agricultural Product Processed Foods and the Raw Materials)

Article 5 The names of the organic agricultural product processed foods and the raw materials shall be labelled by the methods prescribed as follows.

Division	Criteria
Labeling of names	<p>1. To attach one of the labels in the following.</p> <p>(1) “ ” (which means organic agricultural product processed foods in Japanese.)</p> <p>(2) “ ” or “ ” (which means organic or (organic) in Japanese.)</p> <p>(3) “ ” or “ ” (which means organic or (organic) in Japanese.)</p> <p>(Notes) The general name of the agricultural product</p>

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	<p>processed foods shall be described in " . . . "</p> <p>2. As for those using the organic agricultural products harvested in the field under the conversion period or those manufacturing or processing the agricultural products harvested in the field under the conversion period for the raw materials, describe "under the conversion period" in the front/rear of the name to be described as prescribed in 1.</p>
Labelling of names of the raw materials	<p>1. As for the organic agricultural products (except for the organic agricultural products harvested in the fields under the conversion period) or the organic agricultural product processed foods (except for those using the organic agricultural products harvested in the fields under the conversion period for the raw materials) out of the used raw materials, characters such as "organic" shall be described in the general names of the agricultural products or the agricultural product processed foods.</p> <p>2. As for those manufactured or processed using the organic agricultural products harvested in the fields under the conversion period or the organic agricultural product processed foods using the organic agricultural products harvested under the conversion period for the raw materials, describe "under conversion period" in the front/rear of the raw material names to be described as prescribed in 1.</p>

Attached Table 1

Food additives	Criteria
Citric acid	Limited to be used as pH adjustment agent or used for vegetable processed products or fruit processed products.
DL- malic acid	
Lactic acid	
L- ascorbic acid	Limited to be used for vegetable processed products
Tannin	Limited to be used for filter aid.
Sulfuric acid	Limited to be used for adjusting pH of the extracted water in producing sugar as pH adjustment agent.
Sodium carbonate	Limited to be used for the confectionery, sugar, processed products of beans, noodles, and bread.
Potassium carbonate	Limited to be used for drying the fruit processed products, or used for grains processed products, processed products of beans, noodles, bread, or

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Calcium carbonate	the confectionery.
Ammonium carbonate	
Magnesium carbonate	
Potassium chloride	Limited to be used for vegetable processed products, fruits processed products, seasonings, or soup.
Calcium chloride	Limited to be used for coagulating agent or used for edible fat and oil, vegetable processed products, fruit processed products, or processed products of beans.
Magnesium chloride	Limited to be used for coagulating agent or processed products of beans.
Crude sea water magnesium chloride	Limited to be used for coagulating agent or processed products of beans.
Sodium hydroxide	Limited to be used for processing sugar as pH adjustment agent or used for grains processed products.
Potassium hydroxide	Limited to be used for processing sugar as pH adjustment agent.
Calcium hydroxide	
DL- tartaric acid	
L- tartaric acid	
DL-sodium tartrate	Limited to be used for the confectionery.
L-sodium tartrate	Limited to be used for the confectionery.
DL- potassium hydrogen tartrate	Limited to be used for the grains processed products or the confectionery.
L- potassium hydrogen tartrate	Limited to be used for the grains processed products or the confectionery.
Phosphoric acid-calcium hydrogen	Limited to be used for powders as expanding agent.
Calcium sulfate	Limited to be used as coagulating agent or used for the confectionery, the processed products of beans, or bread yeast
Alginate acid Sodium alginate Carob bean gum Guar gum Triacanthos gum Arabian gum	
Xanthan gum	Limited to be used for edible fat and oil or the confectionery.

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Karaya gum Casein Gelatin Pectin Ethanol Mix tocopherol Enzymegenation lecithin	Limited to those obtained without any bleaching or organic solvent treatment.
Enzymatic hydrolysis lecithin	Limited to those obtained without any bleaching or organic solvent treatment.
Plant lecithin	Limited to those obtained without any bleaching or organic solvent treatment.
Egg yolk lecithin	Limited to those obtained without any bleaching or organic solvent treatment.
Talc Bentonite Kaolin Diatomaceous earth Perlite Silicon dioxide	Limited to be used as gel or colloidal solution.
Active carbon	
Beeswax	Limited to be used as separating agent.
Carnaiba wax	Limited to be used as separating agent.
Perfume	Not to be chemically synthesized.
Nitrogen Oxygen Carbon dioxide Other food additives	Those satisfying the following requirements. 1. To be essential for manufacture or processing of the said foods. 2. To preserve the stability of the nutritional value and the quality. 3. To have no possibility of causing the consumer to judge wrongly 4. To be the natural products or those derived from the natural products and added with no chemical synthetic substance thereto.

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Appendix C
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**** Material Safety Data Sheet ****

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STORAGE TEMPERATURE(MIN/MAX): Max. 405 F (207 C) (product deteriorates)

SHELF LIFE.....: Not Established

SPECIAL SENSITIVITY.....: None Known.

HANDLING/STORAGE PRECAUTIONS: Avoid breathing dust. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Wash thoroughly after handling. Store in a dry place away from excessive heat, in original or similar waterproof containers. Reseal containers immediately after use.

XI. SHIPPING INFORMATION:

TECHNICAL SHIPPING NAME.....: Aliphatic Dicarboxylic Acid
FREIGHT CLASS BULK.....: Chemicals, NOI
FREIGHT CLASS PACKAGE.....: Chemicals, NOI, (NMFC 60000)
PRODUCT LABEL.....: Malic Acid, FCC, NF

DOT (HM-181) (DOMESTIC SURFACE)

XI. SHIPPING INFORMATION (Continued)

HAZARD CLASS OR DIVISION: Non-Regulated

IMO / IMDG CODE (OCEAN)

HAZARD CLASS DIVISION NUMBER...: Non-Regulated

ICAO / IATA (AIR)

HAZARD CLASS DIVISION NUMBER...: Non-Regulated

XII. ANIMAL TOXICITY DATA:

NO ANIMAL TOXICITY INFORMATION AVAILABLE

XIII. FEDERAL REGULATORY INFORMATION:

OSHA STATUS.....: This product is hazardous under the criteria of the Federal OSHA Hazard Communication Standard 29 CFR 1910.1200.

TSCA STATUS.....: On TSCA Inventory

CERCLA REPORTABLE QUANTITY...: Fumaric Acid - 5,000 lbs. (CAS # 110-17-8)

SARA REPORTABLE QUANTITY....: Exempt from SARA Title III reporting; contains no section 313 toxic chemical. It may contain up to the FCC limits for arsenic (3 ppm), lead (0.5 ppm), and heavy metals (5 ppm, as lead).

RCRA STATUS.....: If discarded in its purchased form, this product would not be a hazardous waste either by listing

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FIRST AID FOR EYES.....: In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Call a physician immediate

FIRST AID FOR SKIN.....: In case of contact, remove contaminated clothing, and flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Wash clothing before reuse. Call a physician.

FIRST AID FOR INHALATION: If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Call a physician.

FIRST AID FOR INGESTION.: If swallowed, call a physician.

VII. EMPLOYEE PROTECTION RECOMMENDATIONS:

EYE PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS.....: Chemical safety goggles.

SKIN PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS.....: Rubber or vinyl gloves and long sleeved shirts and pants to minimize skin contact.
Employees should wash their hands and face before eating, drinking or using tobacco products.

RESPIRATOR REQUIREMENTS.....: Work ambient concentrations should be monitored and if the recommended exposure limit is exceeded, a NIOSH/MSHA approved dust respirator should be worn.

VENTILATION REQUIREMENTS.....: Use local ventilation if dusting is a problem, to maintain air levels below the recommended exposure limit.

ADDITIONAL PROTECTIVE MEASURES.....: Emergency showers and eye wash stations should be made available. Educate and train employees in the safe use and handling of this product.

VIII. REACTIVITY DATA:

STABILITY.....: This is a stable material.

HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION...: Will not occur.

INCOMPATIBILITIES.....: Contact with strong oxidants, strong bases, amines, carbonates, alkali metals.

INSTABILITY CONDITIONS.....: None Known.

DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS.....: In case of fire CO, CO2 and other potentially toxic fumes.

IX. SPILL AND LEAK PROCEDURES:

SPILL OR LEAK PROCEDURES.....: Gather into a closed container and wash residual with water.

WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD.....: Waste disposal should be in accordance with existing federal, state and local environmental control regulations.

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SOLUBILITY IN WATER: 56% at 68 F (20 C)
SPECIFIC GRAVITY: 1.609
BULK DENSITY.....: Not Established
% VOLATILE BY VOLUME.....: Not Applicable
VAPOR PRESSURE: Not Applicable

IV. FIRE AND EXPLOSION DATA:

FLASH POINT.....: 397 F (203 C)
AUTO-IGNITION TEMPERATURE.....: 644 F (349 C)
EXTINGUISHING MEDIA.....: Water; Dry Chemical; Carbon Dioxide
SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES: Firefighters should be equipped with self-contained breathing apparatus to protect against potentially toxic and irritating fumes. Avoid dusting. Dust can form explosive mixtures with air.

V. HUMAN HEALTH DATA:

ROUTE(S) OF ENTRY.....: Inhalation; Skin Contact; Eye Contact

HUMAN EFFECTS AND SYMPTOMS OF OVEREXPOSURE:

ACUTE INHALATION.....: Inhalation of this product may be irritating to respiratory tract resulting in coughing, sore throat, and runny nose.

ACUTE SKIN CONTACT.....: This product may be irritating to the skin resulting in reddening, stinging, and swelling.

ACUTE EYE CONTACT.....: This product may be irritating to the eyes resulting in stinging, reddening, tearing, and swelling.

CHRONIC EFFECTS OF EXPOSURE...: No applicable information was found concerning any adverse chronic health effects from overexposure to this product.

CARCINOGENICITY.....: The components of this product are not listed by NTP, IARC or regulated as a carcinogen by OSHA.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS

AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE.....: Persons with pre-existing eye or skin disorders or impaired pulmonary function may be more susceptible to the effects of this product.

V. HUMAN HEALTH DATA (Continued)

EXPOSURE LIMITS.....: Although no exposure limit has been established for this product, the OSHA-PEL for nuisance dust of 15 mg/m3-total dust, 5 mg/m3-respirable dust is recommended.
In addition, the ACGIH-TLV for nuisance dust of 10 mg/m3 is recommended.

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 PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

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 MSDS# 39415
 DATE ISSUED: 7/1/98
 SUPERSEDES: NEW
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Emergency Phone Number CHEMTREC: 800-424-9300
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 I. PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION:

PRODUCT NAME.....: Malic Acid FCC, NF
 CHEMICAL FAMILY.....: Aliphatic Dicarboxylic Acid
 CHEMICAL NAME.....: Butanedioic Acid, Hydroxy
 CAS NUMBER.....: 6915-15-7

 II. HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS:

INGREDIENT NAME /CAS NUMBER	EXPOSURE LIMITS	CONCENTRATION (%)
Butanedioic Acid, Hydroxy 6915-15-7	OSHA : 5.000 mg/m3 (respirable dust) ACGIH: 5.000 mg/m3 (respirable dust)	Not < 99 %
Fumaric Acid 110-17-8	OSHA : 5.000 mg/m3 (respirable dust) ACGIH: 5.000 mg/m3 (respirable dust)	Not > 1 %

 III. PHYSICAL PROPERTIES:

PHYSICAL FORM.....: Powder
 APPEARANCE.....: Crystalline
 COLOR.....: White
 ODOR.....: Odorless
 pH: Not Established
 BOILING POINT.....: Not Applicable
 MELTING/FREEZING POINT.....: Not Applicable

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100 HYDROXY DICARBOXYLIC ACIDS

H at 25°C = 0.5; heat of combustion = 697.1 kJ/mol (166.6 kcal/mol); heat of solution = -11.55 kJ/mol; and flash point >300°C.

Glycolic acid is soluble in water, methanol, ethanol, acetone, acetic acid, and ethyl acetate. It is slightly soluble in ethyl ether and sparingly soluble in hydrocarbon solvents.

Reactions. Because it contains both a carboxyl and a primary hydroxyl group, glycolic acid can react as an acid or an alcohol or both. Thus some of the important reactions it can undergo are esterification, oxidation, salt formation, and complexation with metal ions, which add to many of its uses. As a fairly strong acid it can liberate gases (often toxic) when it reacts with the corresponding salts.

Manufacture, Processing, and Economic Aspects. Hydroxyacetic acid is produced commercially in the U.S. by the reaction of formaldehyde with carbon monoxide and water.

Other Hydroxy Acids

Part from lactic and hydroxyacetic acids, other α - and β -hydroxy acids have been small-volume specialty products produced in a variety of methods for specialized uses.

Preparation. The general preparation of α -hydroxy acids is by the hydrolysis of an α -halo acid or by the acid hydrolysis of the cyanohydrins of an aldehyde or a ketone. β -Hydroxy acids may be made by catalytic reduction of β -keto esters followed by hydrolysis. β -Hydroxy acids can also be prepared by the Reformatsky reaction. γ -Hydroxy acids are seldom obtained in the free state because of the ease with which they form monomeric inner esters, which form stable five-membered rings. Thus the lactones of these acids are the common chemical forms and among these lactones γ -butyrolactone is one of the larger volume specialty chemicals derived from dehydrogenation of 4-butanediol.

Reactions and Uses. The common reactions that α -hydroxy acids undergo such as self- or bimolecular esterification to oligomers or cyclic esters, hydrogenation, oxidation, etc. have been discussed in connection with lactic and hydroxyacetic acid. A reaction that is of value in the synthesis of higher aldehydes is decarbonylation under boiling sulfuric acid with loss of water.

β -Hydroxy acids lose water, especially in the presence of an acid catalyst, to give α,β -unsaturated acids, and frequently β,γ -unsaturated acids. γ -Hydroxybutyric acid and its derivatives, particularly its sodium salt, have been studied and used as anesthetic tranquilizers, sedatives, and hypnotics in surgery and general anesthetics.

Certain bacterial species produce polymers of γ -hydroxybutyric acid and other hydroxyalkanoic acids as storage polymers. These are biodegradable polymers with some desirable properties for manufacture of biodegradable packaging materials, and considerable effort is being devoted by ICI Ltd. and others to the development of bacterial fermentation processes to produce these polymers at a high molecular weight.

γ -Butyrolactone undergoes amination reactions with methylene or ammonia to produce *N*-methyl-2-pyrrolidinone (NMP) or pyrrolidinone (PDO) respectively, both of which are commercially important derivatives.

Other multifunctional hydroxycarboxylic acids are mevalonic and tartaric acids which can be prepared for specialized uses as aldol reaction products (mevalonic acid) and mild oxidation of aldoses (aldonic acids).

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HYDROXY DICARBOXYLIC ACIDS

Many natural and synthetic organic compounds are hydroxycarboxylic acids. This article discusses mainly malic and tartaric acid. Thiomalic acid is included because of its structural similarity to malic acid.

Malic Acid

Malic acid (hydroxysuccinic acid, hydroxybutanedioic acid, hydroxy-1,2-ethanedicarboxylic acid), $C_4H_6O_5$, is a white crystalline material. The levorotatory isomer, *S*(-)-malic acid (L-malic acid), is a natural constituent and common metabolite of plants and animals. The racemic compound, *R,S*-malic acid (DL-malic acid), is used as a food acidulant. This material is also used in some industrial applications as a sequestrant and as a buffer for pH control. Malic acid (D-malic acid) is available only as a laboratory chemical. Following the introduction of a modern, continuous manufacturing process in the early 1960s, malic acid gradually became a large-volume industrial organic acid.

Physical Properties. Malic acid crystallizes from aqueous solution as white, translucent, anhydrous crystals. The *S*(-) isomer melts at 100-103°C and the *R*(+) isomer at 98-99°C. On heating, D-malic acid decomposes at ca 180°C, by forming fumaric acid and maleic anhydride. Under normal conditions, malic acid is stable; under conditions of high humidity, it is hygroscopic. Malic acid is a relatively strong acid. Its dissociation constants are given in Table 1.

Chemical Properties. Because of its chiral center, malic acid is optically active.

Reactions. Malic acid undergoes many of the characteristic reactions of dibasic acids, monohydric alcohols, and α -hydroxycarboxylic acids.

Manufacture. In the United States, Canada, and Europe, only the synthetic *R,S*-malic acid is produced commercially, whereas both the *S* and *R,S* forms are produced in Japan.

Aqueous fumaric acid is converted to levorotatory malic acid by the intracellular enzyme, fumarase, which is produced by various microorganisms.

The commercial synthesis of *R,S*-malic acid involves hydration of maleic acid or fumaric acid at elevated temperature and pressure.

Energy And Environmental Considerations. The energy requirements to produce malic acid via conventional processes are fairly moderate. Malic acid production generates low levels of solid, airborne, and liquid waste. Solid waste is primarily nontoxic malic acid salts resulting from regenerating carbon cells and ion-exchange resins. Airborne emissions are primarily particulates. A 1% malic acid solution is readily biodegradable, with BOD of 5300 mg/L.

Table 1. Physical Properties of *R,S*-Malic Acid

Property	Value
molar weight	134.09
melting point, °C	ca 130
d_4^{20}	1.601
dissociation constant	
K_1	4×10^{-4}
K_2	9×10^{-6}
viscosity (50% aqueous solution at 25°C), mPa·s (= cP)	6.5
solubility in nonaqueous solvents, % wt/wt	
ethanol	45.5
acetone	17.8
methanol	82.7

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Shipping and Storage. Malic acid is shipped in 50-lb, 100-lb, and 25-kg, multiwall paper bags or 100-lb (45.5 kg) fiber drums. Malic acid can be stored in dry form without difficulty, although conditions of high humidity and elevated temperatures should be avoided to prevent caking.

Economic Aspects. Malic acid is manufactured in over 10 countries. The production is primarily used for food (26.6%) and beverages (64.7%); however, some industrial applications (18.7%) exist, eg, coatings, polymers, and resins. (Historical patterns of use in the United States have been stable and are as noted in parentheses).

Health and Safety. The U.S. FDA has affirmed *R,S*- and *S*(-)-malic acid as substances that are generally recognized as safe (GRAS) as flavor enhancers, flavoring agents and adjuvants, and as pH control agents. *R,S*- and *S*(-)-malic acid may not be used in baby foods. Malic acid is also cleared to correct natural acid deficiencies in juice or wine.

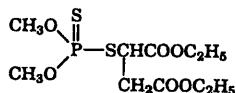
Uses. *R,S*-Malic acid is utilized in a variety of food and beverage and some industrial applications because of its unique combination of properties. These include having unusual taste-blending characteristics, flavor-fixing qualities, the ability to retain sour taste longer, high water solubility, and chelating and buffering properties. Malic acid is also a reactive intermediate in chemical synthesis.

Thiomalic Acid

Thiomalic acid (mercaptosuccinic acid), $C_4H_6O_4S$, mol wt = 150.2, is a sulfur analogue of malic acid. The properties of the crystalline, solid thiomalic acids are given in Table 2. The racemic acid has the following acid dissociation constants at 25°C: $pK_{a1} = 3.30$; $pK_{a2} = 4.34$.

R,S-Thiomalic acid can be prepared from bromosuccinic acid by reaction with K_2S . The two enantiomers can be obtained from the corresponding optically active potassium bromosuccinates.

Thiomalic acid is a skin sensitizer and an antidote in heavy-metal poisoning. Traditionally, it was a component of cold permanent waving solutions and of rust-removing and corrosion-inhibiting compositions. Sodium aurothiomalate (Myochrisin) and other gold malate complexes have antiarthritic properties. The well-known pesticide, malathion, is the thiomalate *S*-ethyl ester of *O,O*-diethylphosphonodithioic acid.



Tartaric Acid

Tartaric acid (2,3-dihydroxybutanedioic acid, 2,3-dihydroxysuccinic acid), $C_4H_6O_6$, is a dihydroxy dicarboxylic acid with two chiral centers. It exists as the dextro- and levorotatory acid: the meso form (which is optically inactive owing to internal compensation), and the racemic mixture (which is optically active and is commonly known as racemic acid). The commercial product in the United States is the natural, dextrorotatory form, (*R,R**, *R,R**)-tartaric acid (L(+)-tartaric acid). This enantiomer occurs in grapes as potassium salt (cream of tartar). In the fermentation of wine, it forms deposits in the vats.

Physical Properties. When crystallized from aqueous solutions at 0°C, natural (*R,R**,*R,R**)-tartaric acid is obtained in the anhydrous form. Below 5°C, tartaric acid forms a monohydrate which is

Table 3. Physical Properties of (*R,R**,*R,R**)-Tartaric Acid

Property	Value
mol wt	150.086
mp, °C (anhydrous)	169–170
d^{20} , g/cm ³	1.76
heat of solution, kJ/mol ^a	-13.8

^a To convert kJ to kcal, divide by 4.184.

unstable at room temperature. Some of the physical properties of (*R,R**,*R,R**)-tartaric acid are listed in Table 3.

The solubility of (*R,R**,*R,R**)-tartaric acid in water varies from 115g/100g H_2O at 0°C to 343g/100g H_2O at 100°C. One hundred grams of absolute ethanol dissolves 20.4 g of tartaric acid at 18°C, and 100 g of ethyl ether dissolves 0.3 g at 18°C.

Chemical Properties. The notation used by *Chemical Abstracts* to reflect the configuration of tartaric acid is as follows: (*R,R**,*R,R**)-tartaric acid, (*S,S**,*S,S**)-tartaric acid, and meso-tartaric acid. Racemic acid is an equimolar mixture of the two optically active enantiomers and, hence, like the meso acid, is optically inactive.

When free (*R,R**,*R,R**)-tartaric acid is heated above its melting point, amorphous anhydrides are formed which, on boiling with water, regenerate the acid. Further heating causes simultaneous formation of pyruvic acid, $CH_3COCOOH$; pyrotartaric acid, $HOOCCH_2CH(CH_3)COOH$; and, finally, a black, charred residue. In common with other hydroxy organic acids, tartaric acid complexes many metal ions.

Occurrence. (*R,R**,*R,R**)-Tartaric acid occurs in the juice of the grape and in a few other fruits and plants. It is not as widely distributed as citric acid or *S*(-)-malic acid. The only commercial source is the residues from the wine industry. The racemic acid is not a primary product of plant processes but is formed readily from the dextrorotatory acid by heating alone or with strong alkali or strong acid. meso-Tartaric acid is not found in nature. It is obtained from the other isomers by prolonged boiling with caustic alkali.

Manufacture. The chemical reactions involved in tartaric acid production are formation of calcium tartrate from crude potassium acid tartrate, formation of tartaric acid from calcium tartrate, formation of Rochelle salt from argols, and formation of cream of tartar from tartaric acid and Rochelle salt (RS) liquors.

Economic Aspects. The estimated total worldwide market for tartaric acid is 58,000 t and potassium bitartrate (acid basis) is 20,000 t.

Health and Safety. The FDA affirmed (*R,R**,*R,R**)-tartaric acid as a generally-recognized-as-safe (GRAS) food substance.

Uses. Tartaric acid is used in carbonated beverages, wine making, and other foods. It is also used to produce emulsifiers, in the manufacture of pharmaceuticals, and in many industrial uses.

Salts. Rochelle salt is used in the silvering of mirrors. Its properties of piezoelectricity make it valuable in electric oscillators. Medicinally, it is an ingredient of mild saline cathartic preparations, eg, compound effervescent powder. In food, it can be used as an emulsifying agent in the manufacture of process cheese. Cream of tartar is used in baking powder and in prepared baking mixes.

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Properties of Thiomalic Acids

Mp, °C	Solubility		$[\alpha]_D^{17.17a}$
	Water	Ethanol	
151	very sol	very sol	
154	sol	sol	+64.4°
152–153	sol	slightly sol	-64.8°

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Acidulants show strong growth driven by beverage consumption.

The market for acidulants remains extremely competitive, particularly in citric acid, where Chinese production and changing business models have made for trying times. But it is a healthy market, tied as it is to a diversity of food and beverage applications, many of which are mature, but others of which are showing strong growth.

Acidulants are naturally occurring acids used by the food industry to inhibit the growth of bacteria by lowering pH, to slow the oxidation of oils (rancidity) by complexing metal ions, or to offset sweetness with their tart flavor. They include organic acids such as citric, lactic, fumaric, malic and tartaric acids that are also used in pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, detergents and a variety of industrial applications.

Total demand for citric acid is over 560,000 metric tons per year globally, according to L. Hepner and Associates, a London-based consultancy. Demand for lactic acid is below 200,000 metric tons. Demand for fumaric, malic and tartaric is below 50,000 metric tons each.

Citric acid is without question the most widely used acidulant. In 1998, 70 percent of the US food and beverage industry's acidulant needs were met by a total of 363 million pounds (135,000 metric tons) of citric acid, according to a recent study by SRI International. Phosphoric acid is second, but it is used almost exclusively in colas, whereas citric is used in a host of foods and drinks. Other acids such as lactic, malic, fumaric, adipic and tartaric divide the remainder of the market, just 35 million to 40 million pounds per year in the US, SRI estimates. Total US consumption of citric acid in 1998 was 513 million pounds, with the balance going to detergents and household cleaners, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics and a variety of industrial applications.

Demand for citric in the US is strong, driven by beverages, which accounted for 81 percent of food and beverage consumption in 1998. Demand for citric in beverages is projected to increase at an average of 3 percent through 2003, according to SRI, or slightly below the annual growth of 4.4 percent through 1994 and 1998. Soft drinks, the largest consumer of citric acid in the beverage industry, grew at 3.3 percent during the period 1994 through 1998 with several drinks containing large amounts of citric acid growing above average. Sports drinks, which also make extensive use of citric acid, grew at 11.6 percent between 1994 and 1998. Between 1996 and 1997, ready-to-drink teas, another major consumer of citric, grew at 4 percent.

However, this robust market has been in tumult for the past decade. Once the domain of pharmaceutical and fine chemical companies, the manufacture of citric acid, a fermentation process, has been usurped by agri-commodity producers whose integration back to the primary raw material gives them a critical advantage in this intensely competitive market, observes Barbara Kimber, a chemical business consultant based in London. One decade ago, the major producers of citric were Pfizer, Hoffmann-La Roche, Bayer, and Jungbunzlauer. In 1990, however, wet-corn miller Cargill entered the citric market with a large complex in Eddyville, Iowa. Pfizer subsequently exited by selling its business to agri-commodities giant Archer Daniels Midland that December. Bayer left in 1998 by selling its citric business (a unit of Haarmann

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SUBSTANCE NAME (SURVEY NO.)	FOOD CATEGORY NO. NAME	NO. OF FIRMS	(AGE)	POSSIBLE DAILY INTAKE, MG.	
				AVERAGE	HIGH B
MALIC ACID NAS 0118 FEMA 2655	18 JAM JELLY(R)	8	0-5 MO.	1-126590	39-737030
			6-11 MO.	25-160510	17-792700
			12-23 MO.	11-265900	33-806130
	2-65+ YR.		21-405210		
MALIC ACID NAS 0118 FEMA 2655	20 GELATIN PUD(R)	5	0-5 MO.	987200	3-107600
			6-11 MO.	6-318080	19-888660
			12-23 MO.	6-811680	21-442440
			2-65+ YR.	10-069460	31-697220
MALIC ACID NAS 0118 FEMA 2655	21 SOUPS(R)	*	0-5 MO.	044780	193640
			6-11 MO.	5-216870	22-529060
			12-23 MO.	7-791720	32-653360
			2-65+ YR.	7-097630	30-641940
MALIC ACID NAS 0118 FEMA 2655	22 SNACK FOODS(R)	*	0-5 MO.	011900	*****
			6-11 MO.	130900	201320
			12-23 MO.	368900	553630
			2-65+ YR.	154700	454290
MALIC ACID NAS 0118 FEMA 2655	23 REV TYPE I(R)	28	0-5 MO.	2-423760	5-400240
			6-11 MO.	22-924730	51-07270
			12-23 MO.	54-736580	121-955420
			2-65+ YR.	105-029600	234-010400
MALIC ACID NAS 0118 FEMA 2655	24 BEV TYPE II(R)	*	0-5 MO.	000000	000000
			6-11 MO.	*****	*****
			12-23 MO.	*****	*****
			2-65+ YR.	52-630500	62-004750
MALIC ACID NAS 0118 FEMA 2655	27 GRAVIES(R)	*	0-5 MO.	075760	081110
			6-11 MO.	1-060640	1-135540
			12-23 MO.	2-727360	2-919960
			2-65+ YR.	6-288600	6-732130
MALIC ACID NAS 0118 FEMA 2655	30 HARD CANDY(R)	4	0-5 MO.	000000	000000
			6-11 MO.	098960	277040
			12-23 MO.	296880	831120
			2-65+ YR.	593760	1-662240
MALIC ACID NAS 0118 FEMA 2655	31 CHEWING GUM(R)	*	0-5 MO.	*****	*****
			6-11 MO.	735000	735000
			12-23 MO.	735000	735000
			2-65+ YR.	1-470000	1-470000
MALIC ACID NAS 0118 FEMA 2655	34 INS COF TEA(R)	*	0-5 MO.	050000	600000
			6-11 MO.	1-125000	15-900000
			12-23 MO.	1-550000	18-600000
			2-65+ YR.	30-275000	363-300000
MALIC ACID NAS 0118 FEMA 2655	39 ALL CATEGORIES	74	0-5 MO.	21-837160	41-121290
			6-11 MO.	283-705830	515-866460
			12-23 MO.	463-302000	1069-961930
			2-65+ YR.	745-632710	1829-476970

& Reimer) to Tate & Lyle, a British company that already supplied H&R with molasses and dextrose in the UK, the US and Mexico. As one industry source located in the US points out, "Before, if you had a lot of small plants dotted all around the world, you could still make money. But that's a failed approach. Today the strategy is to build larger plants in fewer places."

Complicating matters has been the rise of Asian competition, particularly from China, Ms. Kimber notes. In the early 1990s, she says, there were as many as 100 small producers in China, and the flood of cheap, government-subsidized citric acid onto the world market posed a serious threat to Western producers, who complained of dumping. That number shrank to about 25 as producers were forced to become more cost-effective, but domestic consumption, at about 50,000 metric tons, remains far below production capacity, which Ms. Kimber estimates at over 200,000 metric tons. Moreover, plans are afoot to significantly expand that this year, she says; the largest Chinese producer, Bengbu Citric Acid, which already has 50,000 to 60,000 metric tons capacity, is reportedly considering an expansion to over 100,000 metric tons.

Western producers are not convinced that the Chinese have ceased to subsidize their industry, believing that though the Chinese are the low-cost sellers, their inefficiency makes them the high-cost producers. On December 15, 1999, ADM, Cargill and Tate & Lyle filed a petition with the Department of Commerce and the International Trade Commission (ITC) seeking 350 percent antidumping duties on Chinese imports. According to the petition, Chinese exports of citric acid and sodium citrate to the US have tripled since 1996. Chinese prices have substantially declined, and, as a consequence, China's share of the US market has grown dramatically, doubling in the last year alone. The ITC, however, determined that there was no reasonable indication of either the threat or the fact of material injury to the US industry and dismissed the case on February 15, 2000.

The inroads of Chinese citric acid producers are largely in industrial applications, according to one observer. He notes that the market for citric is comprised of two tiers, one of consistently high-quality material that is destined for food, beverages, pharmaceuticals and cosmetics, and another of lower quality material more appropriate for industrial applications such as detergents. In the former tier, growth is being driven by the popularity of citrus-based beverages in Europe and South America. He says that growth is greatest, however, in the industrial segment, where the transition from phosphate to citrate builders has pushed it to 6 to 7 percent annually. "And I think we could see almost a double digit number if we have another conversion in the next year," he adds.

Supply and demand are roughly balanced, according to Ms. Kimber, who puts global capacity at 850,000 to 900,000 metric tons. SRI agrees, putting 1998 GLOBAL capacity at 879,000 metric tons, with capacity utilization in the US and Western Europe at 88 and 85 percent, respectively. Expansions are in the works, however. Cargill's new fully integrated, \$50 million plant in Uberlandia, Brazil, is expected to go on stream in May. According to the company, it will be the largest facility in Latin America. Feedstock will be flexible and be based on either sugar or corn. Cargill's Eddyville site uses corn exclusively, as does ADM at Southport, N.C., and A.E. Staley (Tate & Lyle) at Dayton, Ohio.

Jungbunzlauer has announced its intention to construct a new facility in Port Colborne, Ontario, which is scheduled to come on stream by early 2002 with a rumored 40,000 metric tons capacity. Last July, the company signed a long-term supply agreement with Canada-based Casco Inc. under which Jungbunzlauer will make citric acid by processing fermentation feedstock supplied by Casco's adjacent corn wet-milling facility.

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SUBSTANCE NAME (SURVEY NO.)	FEMA 2655	FOOD CATEGORY NC. NAME	NO OF FIRMS	(AGE)	***** POSSIBLE DAILY INTAKE, MG. *****	
					AVERAGE	HIGH A HIGH B
MALIC ACID NAS 0118	FEMA 2655	01 BAKED GOODS(R)	7	0-5 MO.	.338980	.448650
				6-11 MO.	2.532300	5.164400
				12-23 MO.	5.433650	8.953000
		2-65+ YR.	13.670040	20.318060	16.367960	
MALIC ACID NAS 0118	FEMA 2655	02 BREAK CERLS(R)	4	0-5 MO.	.724920	.861300
				6-11 MO.	26.942860	72.250360
				12-23 MO.	31.534020	61.497180
		2-65+ YR.	24.164000	62.584760	28.710000	
MALIC ACID NAS 0118	FEMA 2655	04 FATS OILS(R)	*	0-5 MO.	.500000	2.500000
				6-11 MO.	2.800000	7.500000
				12-23 MO.	6.300000	17.000000
		2-65+ YR.	17.500000	31.500000	87.500000	
MALIC ACID NAS 0118	FEMA 2655	05 MILK PRODS(R)	*	0-5 MO.	.588060	.588060
				6-11 MO.	6.795360	32.680890
				12-23 MO.	5.935050	18.992160
		2-65+ YR.	4.301550	13.133340	4.301550	
MALIC ACID NAS 0118	FEMA 2655	07 FROZEN DAIRY(R)	4	0-5 MO.	.117000	.479700
				6-11 MO.	1.111500	3.088800
				12-23 MO.	1.684800	3.954600
		2-65+ YR.	2.995200	7.218900	6.141440	
MALIC ACID NAS 0118	FEMA 2655	08 PROCSD FRUIT(R)	12	0-5 MO.	10.416140	27.974120
				6-11 MO.	114.799160	285.889800
				12-23 MO.	222.949720	442.575140
		2-65+ YR.	262.176460	555.379720	533.935220	
MALIC ACID NAS 0118	FEMA 2655	10 MEAT PROCES(R)	4	0-5 MO.	.561220	1.479580
				6-11 MO.	10.561140	20.469160
				12-23 MO.	15.408040	26.479380
		2-65+ YR.	39.939600	66.377020	65.589440	
MALIC ACID NAS 0118	FEMA 2655	14 PROCSC VEGS(R)	*	0-5 MO.	.000700	.002100
				6-11 MO.	.012000	.028000
				12-23 MO.	.019500	.042650
		2-65+ YR.	.042500	.071600	.110500	
MALIC ACID NAS 0118	FEMA 2655	16 SOFT CANDY(R)	7	0-5 MO.	5.008640	50.086400
				6-11 MO.	55.095040	170.293760
				12-23 MO.	87.651200	232.901760
		2-65+ YR.	145.250560	440.760320	145.250560	
MALIC ACID NAS 0118	FEMA 2655	17 CONF FROST(R)	*	0-5 MO.	.170000	.170000
				6-11 MO.	.340000	.340000
				12-23 MO.	1.190000	1.190000
		2-65+ YR.	.510000	1.360000	1.360000	

In Europe, Cerestar closed a 20,000 metric ton plant located in Italy in 1999. A 35,000 metric ton plant, also in Italy but owned by Palcitric, may resume production this year after being closed 5 years, according to SRI, which also notes that Tate & Lyle plans to expand capacity at its Selby, UK, facility

Like citric acid, lactic acid is largely obtained by the fermentation of carbohydrates. For the US, Western Europe and Japan, combined consumption in 1998 was 85,400 metric tons, according to estimates by SRI. Food and beverage applications accounted for 50 percent, the balance being distributed among industrial, pharmaceutical and cosmetic applications. US consumption that year totaled 32,800 metric tons, with 18,700 metric tons going to food and beverage. Demand in these markets is mature, notes SRI; but it is growing rapidly in developing countries as processed foods become more available and affordable.

Major producers of lactic acid are Purac, ADM, Galactia and Masushino. ADM has a single lactic acid plant in Decatur, Ill., which has been on stream since 1993. Galactia has a plant in Belgium. Masushino, a Japanese producer, has manufactured lactic acid synthetically since 1949. Purac, the largest producer of lactic acid in the world, has five production units—one each in the Netherlands, Spain and Brazil, and two in the US—from which it supplies over half the market, says Gerrit Vreeman, president of Purac America.

Of Purac's two US plants, located in Blair, Neb., one produces derivatives. The other, which produces lactic acid, is jointly operated with Cargill in a partnership called PGLA-1. Originally opened in 1999, it is now being modified to achieve better costs and full capacity utilization, says Mr. Vreeman, but it will come back on stream in the second quarter of 2000.

Meanwhile, the overall supply and demand situation for lactic acid is balanced, and prices are stable. "The production capacity expansions of Purac and some other manufacturers will be sufficient to meet the growing demand for lactic acid in food, cosmetic and technical markets," he says.

In contrast to citric and lactic acids, the acidulant malic acid, though it occurs naturally in fruits, is not typically produced by fermentation but synthetically from butane, via maleic anhydride. According to SRI, it is used mainly in fruit-flavored juices, teas, orange juice, sports drinks and other beverages to intensify and improve the fruit flavor; beverages accounted for 55.6 percent of US consumption in 1998, or 10 million pounds. Confections, particularly hard candies and chewing gums, accounted for another 5 million pounds. Other food products consumed 2.1 million pounds, while various industrial applications consumed 0.9 million pounds. Altogether, 1998 consumption of malic acid in the US was 18 million pounds, according to SRI, which projects 4.7 percent average annual growth through 2003.

Growth rates are misleading, however, says Andrew Douglas, CEO of Bartek Ingredients, a major producer of malic acid located in Stoney Creek, Ontario. He notes that the size of the market seems to grow with capacity. Malic is preferred in hard candies, he says, and major players have incorporated it into their formulations as the number of suppliers, and hence the reliability of supply, has increased. In beverages, it competes head to head with citric acid and other acidulants, but again, the limited number of suppliers has made potential customers reluctant to switch.

Bartek's own capacity was recently increased 20 percent to about 30 million pounds, says Mr. Douglas. Faso, which has a plant in Japan, is probably the second largest supplier with about 20 million pounds capacity. A.E. Staley has a small plant in Duluth, Minn., and Lonza has one in Italy. Another plant is in Korea, two small plants are in India, and a new plant is

V. Drug Interaction

A decrease in ketosis was greater using insulin plus malic acid than when insulin was used alone in alloxan-diabetes of 4 weeks duration on 200-220 g female Sprague-Dawley rats. They had been fed 4-6 ml of Wesson oil by stomach tube twice daily for one week on alternating weeks (34).

VI. Consumer Information

The level of use in frozen foods, beverages, bakery, and similar products, and confectionaries is up to 4%.

Fruit butter, jellies, jams, and preserves both naturally and artificially sweetened may contain sufficient malic acid to compensate for a deficiency of fruit acidity. It is also used in citrus, fruit, mint, and vanilla flavoring (320a).

Table 6 gives the probable average, high, and maximum levels expected to be used by humans according to age (320b).

located in South Africa, though few details are available. Mr. Douglas estimates the global market for malic acid at roughly 90 million pounds, with all producers running near capacity "New capacity can only help grow the market," he says, "particularly if the production is high quality."

Bartek also produces fumaric acid from maleic anhydride. Fumaric acid is used as an acidulant in various foods and beverages, where it has better heat resistance than citric or malic, but it is used primarily in industrial applications such as rosin paper sizes, unsaturated polyester resins and alkyd resins. In the US during 1998, foods and beverages accounted for only 7.2 million of 33 million pounds total consumption, according to SRI, which projects growth of only 2.6 percent in food and beverages through 2003.

Total available capacity is difficult to pin down, says Mr. Douglas, because fumaric acid is also a byproduct of the production of phthalic anhydride, among other operations. The supply from such sources is unreliable, but it has the effect of dragging prices down. In any event, there is always excess capacity, he says; Bartek itself is using only about 24 million of its 30 million pounds annual capacity to make both industrial and food grades. Lonza, which has a plant in Italy, is another significant producer. In the US, A.E. Staley produces fumaric from purchased maleic anhydride.

The acidulant tartaric acid is obtained from lees, the sediment that forms in fermentation vats during wine-making. It is used mainly in food, wine, and the production of emulsifiers, according to SRI, which put total US consumption in 1997 at 6.5 million pounds (2,400 metric tons). A natural constituent of wine, tartaric acid is preferred to other acidulants for use in wine, which accounted for 17 percent of US consumption in 1997. Demand, however, can fluctuate widely depending on growing conditions, as can supply. Food and beverages accounted for 26 percent of consumption in 1997. Emulsifiers, specifically DATEM esters (diacetyl tartaric acid esters of mono glycerides), accounted for 24 percent. Pharmaceuticals, antacids and other applications consumed the remainder.

There is no US production of tartaric acid, notes Emilio Zanin, president and owner of American Tartaric Products, an importer based in Larchmont, N.Y. The greatest amount of tartaric acid comes from Italy, home to the two largest producers, Industria Chimica Valenzana (ICV) and the Randi Group. Mr. Zanin notes that the Randi Group's subsidiary, Faencal Tartaric Products, is the sole US producer of cream of tartar (potassium bitartrate); Faencal's plant, located in Calif., is supervised by American Tartaric. Spain is the second largest producer of tartaric acid, followed by Argentina. France, second to Italy in wine production, produces only minor quantities of tartaric acid, instead selling the raw materials to Italian and Spanish producers. Mr. Zanin estimates the US market's size at 2,000 to 3,500 metric tons, growing at about 4 to 5 percent for the last several years. He puts the global market at about 30,000 tons.

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After the injection of free malic acid into the circulating blood of 2 kg rabbits, the pH of the blood was variable and ambivalent, it was both increased and decreased (194).

In vitro experiments in conjunction with in vivo rabbits studies on metabolic acetylation showed that malic acid, a precursor of the tricarboxylic acid cycle, decreases acetylation. This may be related to malate not a hydrogen acceptor (447).

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Acidulants makers are praying for a long, hot summer. Since last year's cooler weather during the crucial summer months took the fizz out of acidulants' principal end use applications, carbonated beverages, players are hoping for mother nature to be kinder this time.

Although acidulants are relatively mature overall, consumer trend toward clear and natural-type beverages are adding spark to various niche applications on the domestic front. The offshore sector too is picking up some speed, primarily on the coattails of increasing consumption patterns from economically emerging countries.

"It's a good solid market," says Dr. Charles Forman of Darien, Conn.-based business consultancy Forman Associates.

He projects annual growth for acidulants overall at 3 to 4 percent, and he estimates the total market, consisting of the principal food acids, citric, phosphoric, fumaric, malic, lactic and others, at about \$260 million.

Arthur D. Little analyst Gail Greenwald pegs the total US acidulants market somewhat lower at \$225 million.

The unchallenged leader is citric acid, "perking along at about two thirds of the total," according to Dr. Forman. "It's the leading acidulant," he notes. "If I were a food chemist, I'd try citric first."

Total US capacity for citric acid is estimated at 460 million pounds. Demand for 1993 is slated at 415 million pounds, up from 400 million pounds in 1992. Imports and exports have been roughly equal, according to the US Bureau of Census, with annual levels of roughly 50 million pounds. Chinese material is back in the picture, according to a spokesman at Helm New York, a distributor of Chinese product.

Food uses claim the lion's share, with beverage applications at about 45 percent and food and dairy products pulling down another 22.5 percent.

US producers include Archer Daniels Midland, with an estimated capacity of 180 million tons. Cargill's Eddyville, Iowa, site is rated at 130 million pounds, and Miles' subsidiary Haarmann & Reimer maintains two sites, at Dayton, Ohio, and Elkhardt, Ind., with a total of 150 million pounds annually.

During 1992, the largest market segment, food and beverages, grew at 3 percent, according to Brian R. Pyszka, director of marketing with Haarmann & Reimer. Worldwide, growth projections for citric acid are at 4 percent, says John Quinn, president of Jungbunzlauer, which imports product to the US.

Jungbunzlauer is in the throes of completing its expansion in France, scheduled to be on stream by the fourth quarter of this year. The plant will come on in phases, eventually adding 40,000 tons to the company's existing capacity in Austria and Germany, totaling 120,000 metric tons. As an added feature, the French plant is also scheduled to produce 140,000 tons of glucose, which will serve as feedstock for the company's citric acid production, Mr. Quinn explains.

IV. Effects on Enzymes and Other Biochemical Parameters

A support of the role of malate as carrier for carbon and reducing equivalents in gluconeogenesis (244a, 251) has been demonstrated in rat kidney cortex by the D-malate inhibition of either the operation of the cytoplasmic L-malate dehydrogenase or malate outflow from the mitochondria in the intact cells. D-malate also inhibited L-malate dehydrogenase activity in high speed supernatant fractions in the kidney cortex (402). Another study on rat kidney cortex indicates that in the mitochondria and cytosol, malate exchange between compartments together with reversible malate dehydrogenase activity tends to equilibrate isotopically with the nicotinamide-adenine dinucleotide, reduced; NADH; pool (403).

Malate and some other related acid radicals which activate lactic dehydrogenase isozyme 5 in rabbit skeletal muscle change the shape of the pyruvate saturation curve from sigmoid to hyperbolic. Lactic dehydrogenase was not so effected (147). Other enzyme studies show that with malic acid there is activation of papain at a level between that of fumaric and dihydroxyfumaric acids (342) and activation of partially purified human prostate acid phosphatase takes place at pH 4.6 with D-malic and other α -substituted acids (11).

An invitro study on hog kidney of the degree of competitive action of DL-malic acid (a) on the oxidation of D-alanine by D-amino acid oxidase and (b) of D-aspartic acid by D-aspartic acid oxidase was used to further differentiate between the two enzymes. No inhibition was seen due to malic acid in reaction (a) but there was competitive inhibition in reaction (b). These and related results on L-tartaric acid may aid in clarifying the stereospecificity of D-aspartic acid oxidase (279).

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Jungbunzlauer is also involved in a 10,000-ton southeast Asian venture with an Indonesian company, scheduled to come on stream later this year.

Current worldwide growth rates for citric acid are pretty much absorbed by expansions, Mr. Quinn notes. As one example, Italian Palcitric SpA, part of Gruppo Palma, started up its 40,000 annual metric ton capacity last year, with about 70 percent of output destined for the food and beverage arena. Industry observers also cite a new Czech facility, with an annual output of 30,000 tons.

As H&R's Mr. Pyszka notes, "this rate of growth requires continual investment in worldwide capacity." He adds, however, "since the manufacture of citric acid is highly capital-intensive, a stable market price is necessary to justify investment in new capacity."

Mr. Pyszka describes current list prices for truckload quantities of citric acid at 82 cents per pound. Price levels are forecast to increase minimally at the rate of inflation, he says.

Although isolated voices suggest that "there is plenty of citric flowing in a competitive environment," general market consensus maintains that citric supply and demand are well balanced.

Bill Gruber, national sales manager with Cargill, which is also in the process of increasing capacity, describes the current supply/demand relationship as in "close balance." Citing the successes of Snapple-type beverages as well as a proliferation of products in the sports drink arena, Mr. Gruber notes that current consumer preferences for lighter and clear beverages are benefiting citric acid. "They all happen to be citric-based," he says.

Beverage Industry's annual soft drink report forecasts that the fledgling category of new age beverages should grow by about 10 percent in volume in 1993, clearly outpacing the traditional soft drink industry. The total sector of new age drinks is estimated at about \$1 billion in wholesale dollars, the report states. Natural sodas claim 41 percent of the sector's total dollar sales, with Clearly Canadian pulling down sales of \$312.6 million.

The promise of success has lured the big guns into the ring. PepsiCo's clear entry Crystal Pepsi hopes for a 2-percent share of the US soft drink market and Coca-Cola has announced its intention to participate in the clear soda market. Similarly, sales for citric acid-based Snapple prepared iced teas reported sales of \$40 million in 1992, representing a 200-percent leap over previous year sales.

Among the newcomers, Apple Quenchers by Veryfine Products in Westford, Mass., with distribution on the East Coast and in the Chicago area; Blue Sky natural orange creme soda by Blue Sky Natural Beverage Company, for national distribution, and Nick's Lite Alcohol by Nick's Coolers in Vancouver, British Columbia, for distribution in Canada, are typical for the new citric acid-containing market offerings.

And in the sports drink sector, estimated at about 3 percent of the \$48-billion total carbonated soft drink market, a spate of citric acid-spiked new contenders are making a play for Gatorade's lead.

The rise in clear and new age beverages comes at the expense of the traditional colas, according to Beverage Industry's annual soft drink report. Colas account for a 68.3 percent market share in 1992, down from 69.1 percent in 1988.

justification for discriminating against the use of the D-malic acid as a food additive (96). Some of the other studies cited show biological and metabolic differences between D and L malic acids when different parameters are measured (279, 250, 402).

The urine of rats orally dosed with malic acid yielded large amounts of α -keto-glutaric acid and slight increased in the amount of pyruvic acid found. Thus, malic acid as well as some other plant acids are considered to be active intermediates in animal metabolism (431).

The similarity of sheep and human values for the blood of pyruvic, citric and α -keto-glutaric acids governed the decision to use sheep as the test animal for the influence of malate on carbohydrate metabolism. It was intravenously injected into fasting pregnant ewes. The resulting small increase in blood glucose may have been responsible for the lowered blood ketones. Note must be taken in evaluating the blood glucose levels that the experimental animals were insufficiently trained for experimental purposes. Blood pyruvic acid was also slightly increased but no consistent increase in blood oxalacetic acid occurred following the above injection of malate. However, the blood citric and α -keto-glutaric acids were markedly increased under the same conditions (387).

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The report notes, however, that although the declines should not be overstated, "neither Coke nor Pepsi appear to be taking any chances...Both have joined the new age movement."

A source at Royal Crown Company stresses that, overall, colas are still a company's bread and butter. He adds that the growing interest in clear beverages indicates that the market is moving in many different directions. It also reflects the "big players' willingness to grab nichemarkets." Crown, he adds, has been doing well with its citric-based DietRite Flavor lines. The company recently added cranberry flavors, which are also formulated with citric acid, to the line.

Phosphoric acid, the food acid primarily used in colas, is stable on the North American front and showing healthy growth on the international scene, according to Allan Broyles, product manager with FMC, a producer of phosphoric acid. "Food applications are a very important segment of the phosphoric acid industry, and we are committed to the market for the long term," he says.

Overall, about 5 percent of total p-acid production is destined for the food sector. This translates to about 600 million pounds of US demand and another 30 million pounds for the Canadian market.

Strongest growth, about 10 percent annually, takes place in the Far East, developing in tandem with rising standards of living in those regions, Mr. Broyles explains, adding that there is also good growth potential in Eastern Europe and Latin America, especially Mexico.

Also positioned for healthy worldwide growth is lactic acid. Liz Trent, product manager for lactic acid with Sterling Chemicals, projects a worldwide growth level of about 12 percent for the next two years. The US market is estimated at about \$20 million, according to Dr. Forman. Potential market growth has attracted a number of new players into the arena, previously dominated by Sterling, which has a capacity of 20 million annual pounds of synthetically derived product, and Purac of Holland, the principal importer of naturally derived acid to the US.

"The more players, the more they will develop new applications, the more players, the more they will develop new applications," says Jerry Bening, director of marketing and sales with Purac in Holland, about the new competition shaping up. He adds that his company, which maintains plants in the Netherlands, Spain and Brazil, "is constantly increasing capacity." He is concerned, however, that the focus on lactic-derived polymers as a source for biodegradable polymers tends to overshadow food applications for lactic.

Among the newcomers for lactic acid production are Archer Daniels Midland, which reportedly has entered the market with small product samples. The company chose not to comment on this move, nor did it comment on its participation in the citric acid market.

Ecochem, a joint venture between DuPont and ConAgra, has announced plans to build a \$20-million grassroots plant for the production of natural lactic acid for use in food applications. Cargill's \$8-million, 10-million-pound plant in Savage, Minn., scheduled for a February 1994 opening, is primarily aiming at the polymer market.

Also poised for relatively healthy growth is malic acid, estimated at about \$15 million and projected to grow at about 4 percent, according to Dr. Forman. Haarmann & Reimer, the only domestic producer of malic acid, anticipates roughly GDP-type growth, Mr. Pyszka says.

Other gluconeogenesis experiments on rat kidney cortex slices show that incubation in D-malate alone formed very little glucose but did augment gluconeogenesis when D-malate was added to an L-lactate incubation medium. In contrast, under similar conditions, D-malate inhibited gluconeogenesis from pyruvate and L-malate. Little effect was noted on the rate of the tricarboxylic acid cycle with or without other substrates. The activity of L-malate dehydrogenase was inhibited by D-malate in a high-speed supernatant fraction from the kidney cortex. The role of malate as the carrier for carbon and reducing equivalents in gluconeogenesis is supported by the findings that D-malate inhibits either the operation of cytoplasmic L-malate dehydrogenase or malate outflow from the mitochondria in the intact kidney cortex cell. The formation of glucose from malate in the kidney cortex slices was only slightly reduced by a low, 0.1 millimolar, concentration of aminooxyacetate added to the medium. Only L-lactate gluconeogenesis was strongly inhibited by aminooxyacetate (402).

Radiocarbon tracing of the conversion of L and DL malic acids given orally and intraperitoneally to rats detected that 90 - 5% of the radioactivity was excreted within 24 hours. The expired air contained 83-92% of the ^{14}C from both the radioactive malic acid preparations as carbon dioxide. As there was no difference in the excreted metabolites of these acids regardless of the route of administration, the scientists who reported these results felt that there appeared to be no

Bartek Ingredients, the Ontario-based Canadian producer of malic acid, postponed its announced capacity boost from 10,000 to 16,000 tons until next year, according to a company spokesman. He characterizes the malic acid business as a niche area that needs to be promoted and developed. Also, the product is benefiting from applications where artificial sweeteners are involved.

He indicates that citric acid and malic acid can be synergistically used. And given that the price for both products is relatively close, and has been historically, usage can be pushed in one direction or the other. "There are areas of application where malic offers a clear advantage, and we find great loyalty to the product," he adds.

Bartek is tripling its fumaric acid capacity. Plans are to boost output from the current 12 million pounds to about 35 million pounds. The expansion should be finished by the end of the year and is driven by uncertainty in the North American fumaric acid market.

The North American market for fumaric is estimated at about 30 to 35 million pounds, with about 20 percent dedicated to food applications. The outlook for food applications is relatively flat, whereas fumaric's principal application, sizing, shows negative growth, resulting from the paper industry's switch to alkaline paper sizes. Current producers are Pfizer, with an estimated capacity of 30 million pounds and Miles with about 10 million pounds.

Biochemical Aspects

I. Breakdown

None noted in available literature.

II. Absorption - Distribution

None noted in available literature.

III. Metabolism

Embryonic studies previously discussed showed the production of $^{14}\text{CO}_2$ and uptake of C from L-malate- $U\text{-}^{14}\text{C}$ (497). In the more complex tissue of starved rat kidney cortex, glucose was detected when slices were incubated in a medium containing L-malate- $U\text{-}^{14}\text{C}$ plus unlabeled acetate or acetate - $1\text{-}^{14}\text{C}$ plus unlabeled malate. Upon isolating and determining the glucose levels by chromatographic and radioactive techniques, the activity of the ^{14}C labeled glucose agrees with the predicted value in both approaches if rapid malate exchange between the cytosol and mitochondria is assumed. This was established and found to be at least several times the rate of glucose formation. Added biological significance to malate is its exchange between compartments together with reversible malate dehydrogenase activity in the mitochondria and cytosol tending to equilibrate isotopically with the nicotinamide-adenine dinucleotide, reduced; NADH; pool in these compartments (403).

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DL-MALIC ACID

INS:	296
Chemical names:	DL-MALIC ACID; 2-HYDROXYBUTANEDIOIC ACID; HYDROXSUCCINIC ACID
Synonyms:	2-HYDROXYBUTANEDIOIC ACID
Functional class:	ACIDITY REGULATOR; FLAVOURING AGENT
Latest evaluation:	1969
ADI:	NOT SPECIFIED
Comments:	Included in the group ADI for malic acid and its sodium, potassium and calcium salts; in the case of D(-)-malic acid and its salts, the ADI is not applicable to very young infants
Report:	NMRS 46/TRS 445-JECFA 13/16
Specifications:	COMPENDIUM ADDENDUM 9/FNP 52 Add.9 for JECFA 57 in press (2001)
Tox monograph:	FAS 67.29/NMRS 40A,B,C-JECFA 9/149 (1965)
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In the second fileal generation adverse necropsy was found in the kidneys and spleen. One 10,000 ppm pup had cecum involvement.

Upon Caesarean section of the 2nd fileal generation, there were meaningful variations in the test parameters of the parents. No dead fetuses were found.

At the 10,000 ppm dosage in two fetuses, an extra ossification center between the interparietal and occipital bones and an interparietal bone splits were present. A single 14th rib was found in a fetus on the high level diet. Skeletal development was felt to be within the normal variation.

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**SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE IDENTITY
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**Some Food Colours, Emulsifiers, Stabilizers,
Anticaking Agents, and Certain Other Substances**

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Method:

Species: Rats

Strain: Albino weanling rats-Charles River-derived

Sex: Male and Female

Number of Animals: 3 groups of 10 males, 3 groups of 20 females

Body Weight: Males- 0.132 - 0.168 kg

Females- 0.114 - 0.141 kg

Vehicle, solvent or carrier: Purina Laboratory Chow

Dose Schedule: Weaning of second filial generation

0; 1,000; 10,000 ppm

Route of Administration: Oral

Observations:

In the reproduction phases, the rats were generally normal in appearance except for incidental laboratory diseases. Litter sizes and pup body weights were comparable in all of the control and test groups. All of the necropsied 1st litter pups on 1,000 ppm malic acid showed rough surfaces on the spleen. The number of pups that evidenced weak or labored respiration during lactation was higher at the 10,000 ppm dosage level.

During the second reproduction stage one female was found dead with adverse necropsy the day after weaning. Two males died after breeding. The one necropsied had diseased lungs.

*Private communication from Allied Chemical Corporation

Specifications for the substances considered in this report, as well as monographs containing summaries of relevant biological data and toxicological evaluations, will be issued by FAO and WHO in separate publications entitled:

1. *Toxicological evaluation of some food colours, emulsifiers, stabilizers, anticaking agents and certain other substances*

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showed an increase from Q_{O_2} 26.38 for the control to 28.18 and 29.75 for 5 mg% and 10 mg%, respectively, of malic acid in the tissue bath (290).

It was found that malate and a few other intermediary metabolites enhanced the effect of exogenous insulin when these materials were injected simultaneously (54).

The edema producing potency of malic and other organic acids was measured in morphinized male 2 kg Albino rats by placing the irritating solution of one of the 6 molarities tested in a pocket made in the eyelid of 5 rats. After 3 minutes of holding the solution in place followed by a one-hour waiting period, the rats were sacrificed and the increase in moisture in the upper palpebral conjunctiva was determined. This value plus the log of the molar concentration was considered the edema producing potency of the acids tested. Comparing the level of 2.5 of these units, approximately 50% moisture gain, malic acid was found to be more irritating than phosphoric acid and 4 times as irritating as hydrochloric acid. Along with succinic acid, another dibasic saturated acid, it was the greatest edema producer (251a).

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digestibility of certain of these substances is lacking. Where data were incomplete or not available, the Committee considered that they should be provided before an unconditional acceptable daily intake could be assigned.

The main problem with substances containing the stearic and citric acid moieties, which might be the case with a monoglyceride citrate, was the observation that in rats short-term oral administration leads to increased liver weight and calcification of the kidney.¹⁵ It is not known whether these pathological changes would occur if the two acid moieties were present in different molecules.

Propylene glycol esters of fatty acids were evaluated in the tenth report. The biological data were reviewed by the Committee and the assessment arrived at in the tenth report was confirmed.¹⁶

Fatty acid esters with mono- and disaccharides were considered, but the Committee was prepared to evaluate only the sucrose esters of fatty acids. Sucroglycerides were not considered separately because they are composed of sucrose esters of fatty acids and mono- and diglycerides.

In the preparation of these compounds the substance dimethyl formamide is used as a solvent and residues remain. Since sufficient toxicological data on dimethyl formamide were not available, the Committee decided to set the maximum permissible level of the solvent at 50 ppm corresponding to the level present in the sucrose esters studied toxicologically.

In connexion with the evaluation of calcium stearoyl lactylate, the Committee reviewed DL-lactic acid and DL-malic acid, the evaluation of which was given in the ninth report.¹⁷ A conditional acceptable daily intake was then set for the D-isomers of these acids, whereas no limit was set for the L-isomers, on the ground that they are metabolized to a lesser degree than the D-isomers. On the basis of further evidence indicating that adults do metabolize D-lactic and D-malic acids, it was not considered necessary to maintain the distinction previously drawn between the enantiomorphs of the two acids for use by adults. Accordingly, the Committee decided to convert the evaluation for the D-enantiomorphs from a conditional acceptable daily intake value to use limited only by good man-

¹⁵ Verschuren, H. G. & van Esch, G. J. Unpublished report, 1963; Wheldon G. H., Ginn, H. B., Leaby, J. S. and Mawdeody-Thomas, L. E. Unpublished report, 1966.

¹⁶ Annex 1, ref. 13.

¹⁷ Annex 1, ref. 11.

the same conditions. No significant increase in abnormalities due to testing procedures using the malates and other compounds was noted in the embryos surviving the 17th day (250).

It has been found that malic acid acted in a manner essentially similar to that of the drug Decadron[®], dexamethasone. Convulsions were encountered when both materials were injected into the nucleus caudatus but not when injected into the motor area of the cerebral cortex (305). Isolated mammalian cerebral cortex slices maintained at 37° under appropriate metabolic conditions but lacking glucose and inactivated to glucose by electrical pulses responded metabolically to some degree when malic acid was added along with glucose. Malic acid was metabolically more responsive under these conditions than most of the substrates studied (299).

Both the threshold and resting potential of a single toad motor neuron exposed to 0.02 M malate were decreased when compared to an adjacent control node immersed in Ringer's solution. This node also experienced a decrease in its threshold value but no effect on the resting potential was recorded (344).

When 4,000 mg/kg/day of malic acid was orally administered to 40 rats, an increased glucuronic excretion was detected in the urine. Similar results were experienced for some and the opposite for the remainder of the other test chemicals (288).

Measurements of the tissue respiration of rabbit kidney cortex as determined by the oxygen uptake increased when malic acid was added to modified Ringer's solution. Warburg method measurements

ufacturing practice. However, the restriction on the use of these acids in the diet of very young infants remains.

More detailed consideration of modified fat and fatty acids used as emulsifiers and stabilizers is given in the individual monographs.

3.2.4 MISCELLANEOUS GROUP OF EMULSIFIERS AND STABILIZERS

The specifications for hydroxypropyl cellulose had been developed at the tenth session and will be published. The additive was considered by this session of the Committee and was placed in the class of modified celluloses evaluated previously.¹⁸ On the basis of the data available, it was concluded that it could be included in the collective acceptable daily intake level for these substances.

Pectin derived from citrus rinds and apples is essentially unchanged by the simple extraction procedures used. In its evaluation the Committee considered pectin to be a normal constituent of the diet and imposed no limit on daily intake except that of good manufacturing practice; a specification was developed.

In its consideration of propylene glycol alginate the Committee noted that the 1,3-diol propylene glycol has been reported to have an embryopathic action in the chick.¹⁹ However, it is the 1,2-diol that is used in the food additive material. Furthermore, the alginate derivative of this glycol had been used in a long-term feeding study at a level of 5 percent in the diet, through two generations, without evidence of ill effects. Pending submission of the results of *in vivo* metabolic studies, the Committee assigned a temporary acceptable daily intake of propylene glycol alginate.

Hydroxylated lecithin had a tentative specification.²⁰ This was re-examined and remains a tentative specification due to the lack of certain chemical data. There was also a lack of adequate biological data to allow evaluation of this material.

The ammonium salts of phosphatidic acids have tentative specifications, and sufficient biological data were available to assign a temporary value of acceptable daily intake.

A summary of the evaluations on all the emulsifiers and stabilizers, except those on modified starches, is given in Annex 5.

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2 hours at 37° in Krebs-Ringer bicarbonate buffer containing 2 millimolar ¹⁴C labeled glucose and of the unlabeled test material. Increase of labeled malate as well as the citrate was both as a total accumulation and a bone mineral incorporation. The control bone sections showed malic acid to be incorporated in the bone mineral to a higher degree than were the other test tricarboxylic cycle intermediates. In the treated animals, the greatest total uptake and bone accumulation was that of malic acid (77).

When incubated for 30 minutes with L-malate-U-¹⁴C, two cell mouse embryos did not absorb or utilize the labeled malate as no detectable ¹⁴C was produced in these cells. However, by the 8 cell stage, substrate carbon was accumulated and some L-malate-U-¹⁴C was oxidized to ¹⁴CO₂. A partial lack of dependence on the concentration of malate was shown by a reduction in the uptake of substrate carbon by the 8 cell embryo of only 25% when the malate concentration in the medium was reduced by a factor of 10 to 1.17 x 10⁻⁴ molar, while the glycoside ouabain at 10⁻⁷ - 10⁻⁵ molarity had no effect on the substrate carbon accumulation. A temperature dependence was encountered when a sharp reduction of uptake occurred during an 8 cell embryo incubation at 5° C (497).

Teratogenicity in the form of a rumplessness induced by the injection of L and D forms of malic into White Leghorn egg yolks before incubation showed opposite results. The L-malic acid caused significant increases over the control in the frequency of rumplessness in those embryos surviving the 17th day while D-malic acid had no effect under



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TOXICOLOGICAL EVALUATION OF SOME
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MALIC ACID

Chemical names	DL-Malic acid; Hydroxysuccinic acid
Empirical formula	C ₄ H ₆ O ₅
Structural formula	HO-CH-COOH CH ₂ -COOH
Molecular weight	134.09
Definition	Malic acid after drying for 5 hours at 105° contains not less than 99 per cent. C ₄ H ₆ O ₅ .

TABLE 5. EFFECT OF THE INFUSION OF VARIOUS SUBSTANCES ON CARBOHYDRATE METABOLISM OF INTACT, ADRENALECTOMIZED, AND ADRENALECTOMIZED RATS TREATED WITH HYDROCORTISONE

Substance infused	Amount Mg. 100 gm./B.W.	No.	Liver glycogen		Muscle glycogen. Mg.%	Blood sugar, mg.%		Urinary excretion, mg./100 gm./B.W.
			Mg.%	Mg./100 gm./B.W.		Initial	Final	
<i>Normal</i>								
None	—	4	117	4	478 ± 43	—	—	—
Glucose	122	6	1130	38	502 ± 11	75 ± 4	137 ± 7	0
Fructose	155	7	1000	71	530 ± 17	80 ± 6	153 ± 11	10 ± 3
Glycerol	119	6	1160	40	471 ± 14	69 ± 4	95 ± 4	—
Lactate	136	5	1420	44	528 ± 25	70 ± 2	87 ± 1	5 ± 2
Malate	142	5	570	18	479 ± 33	78 ± 3	98 ± 2	—
<i>Adrex.</i>								
None	—	11	27	1	457 ± 8	—	—	—
Glucose	130	6	500	16	455 ± 9	68 ± 6	198 ± 14	Trace
Fructose	124	6	810	25	477 ± 7	63 ± 4	151 ± 18	4 ± 0.8
Glycerol	130	7	260	9	406 ± 6	55 ± 3	85 ± 5	—
Lactate	119	8	128	3	444 ± 12	57 ± 3	84 ± 5	2 ± 0.6
Malate	149	6	31	1	539 ± 15	61 ± 3	101 ± 10	—
<i>Adrex. + hydrocortisone</i>								
None	—	4	1000	31	451 ± 10	—	—	—
Glucose	146	6	1980	66	454 ± 6	94 ± 5	250 ± 24	4 ± 4
Fructose	148	6	2970	105	467 ± 15	93 ± 2	179 ± 20	13 ± 1
Glycerol	145	5	1600	60	448 ± 18	85 ± 5	116 ± 8	—
Lactate	129	8	1730	54	484 ± 11	83 ± 1	114 ± 7	6 ± 2
Malate	151	6	1450	46	490 ± 19	96 ± 2	109 ± 12	—

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Description Malic acid occurs as white crystals or a crystalline powder; it is odourless and has a characteristic acid taste.

Uses As an acidulant and flavouring agent.

Biological Data

Biochemical aspects

The metabolism of L(+)-malic acid is well understood, but little is known about the fate of D(-)-malic acid in the body. It has been suggested that L(+)-malic acid is more easily oxidized in the animal body (Pohl, 1896) and of parenterally administered DL-malic acid in rabbits and dogs only D(-)-malic acid was recovered in the urine (Tomita, 1921). Incubation of DL-malic acid with muscle enzyme preparations removes the L(+)-isomer preferentially (Dakin, 1922). Rabbits were injected with 1.7 or 2.0 g L(+)-malic acid and 1, 1.5 and 3 g DL-malic acid. The L(+)-isomer was practically non-toxic, having a negligible effect on rate or over-all renal output of phenolsulfonphthalein and no effect on non-protein nitrogen and chloride level of the blood. The DL-isomer produced a reduction in the excretion rate and total output of the phthalein dye and a rise in non-protein nitrogen. Neither forms altered the blood creatinine level (Rose, 1925) The addition of DL-malic acid to diets poor in carbohydrate led to an increase of glycogen in the liver of rats (Ponsford & Smedley-MacLean, 1932).

Malic acid is an intermediate in the Krebs cycle.

Acute toxicity

Animal	Route	Lethal Dose (mg/kg body-weight)	References
Rabbit	oral	5 000 (L(+)-malic)	Weiss et al, 1923
Dog	oral	1 000 (Sodium malate)	Underhill & Pack, 1925

Short-term studies

A rabbit was killed after subcutaneous injections of DL-malic acid of 3 and 5 g on successive days and 1.5 g after omitting 1 day. Renal histology revealed small areas of cortical haemorrhages, some tubular epithelial degeneration and scattered glomerular obliteration (Rose, 1925).

Long-term studies

No studies in animals are available. Foods containing malic acid have been consumed by man for centuries without any apparent adverse effects. The daily human consumption of malic acid from vegetables, fruits and their juices is calculated to be in the order of 1.5 to 3 g (Hartman & Hillig, 1934).

Special studies on maleic acid

glycogen was returned to the control levels. Table 5 enumerates the data for parameters studied. These values and concurrent results suggest that the liver is the site of the immediate effect of adrenal cortical hormones on malate and other carbohydrates (512).

Using 1 ^{14}C labeled aliphatic acids, the oxidative metabolic patterns in normal and ketotic cow liver slices were delineated. Malate was one of the non-volatile products identified when the incubation bath contained propionate. Only an altered distribution of intermediates was found in the ketotic cow liver slices. Rat liver slices under the same conditions showed no marked variations from the results encountered with normal cows (79).

Malate presence in compact bone has been confirmed to the extent of 5.5 mg% which is 3.5 times its liver concentration. It appears to be co-precipitated with calcium phosphate both in the metabolically inactive and active forms. The metabolic interaction was traced by the uptake of radioactivity by malate to intermediate levels when the bone was incubated with labeled acetate. Malic acid was also identified in varying quantities in egg shells (254).

Incorporation of labeled malate and citrate in bone was enhanced in young growing parathyroidectomized male Sprague-Dawley rats weighing 120-150 g treated with 500 units of parathyroid extract over a period of 3 days compared to the controls that received 0.85% sodium chloride. These results were obtained by incubating the calvaria, and the metaphyseal and epiphyseal sections of marrow free tibia and femora in vitro for

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The need to impose a severe limitation on the content of maleic acid in malic acid arises from the established nephrotoxicity of maleic acid. In male rats diets containing 1 per cent. or more of malic acid brought about growth retardation, increased mortality and changes in the renal proximal convoluted tubules (Fitzhugh & Nelson, 1947). Intraperitoneal administration of 0.1 M sodium maleate in daily doses of 1-2 ml/kg for 2-3 weeks produced glucosuria, phosphaturia and aminoaciduria. There was no evidence of permanent renal damage (Harrison & Harrison, 1954). Graded doses of sodium maleate produced the same effects, together with proteinuria, polyuria and deficient acidification of urine, the severity depending on the dose. Succinic dehydrogenase activity was decreased, especially in the renal cortex. Morphological changes in the proximal convoluted tubules accompanies the functional defect (Worthen, 1963).

Comments

In evaluating the acceptance of malic acid, emphasis is placed on its well-established metabolic pathway and the daily consumption of malic acid-containing food. However, there is some doubt concerning the utilization in the body of the D(-)-isomer of malic acid.

Evaluation

Estimate of acceptable daily intake of the L(+)-isomer for man

No limit need to be set for the acceptable daily intake for man of the L(+)-isomer of malic acid.

Estimate of acceptable daily intake of the D(-)-isomer for man

mg/kg body-weight

Conditional acceptance 0-100

Limitation of use

Neither the D(-) nor DL-malic acid should be added to food for very young infants except for therapeutic purposes.

For adults the acceptable daily intake of DL-malic acid is calculated from the D(-)-malic acid content.

Further work required

Metabolic studies on the utilization of D(-) and DL-malic acids in infants and adults.

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Beating of the anoxic hearts of 300-350 g Sprague-Dawley male rat was restored to a greater extent by malic acid than was promoted by the use of glucose alone. The malate effect was additive with that of fumarate and glutamate when these substrates were co-tested. The Krebs-Ringer bicarbonate at pH 7.4 perfusion medium contained 10 mM malic acid and 5mM glucose. A 21-minute oxygen saturation preceded the 75-minute infusion at a rate of 7 ml/minute (71).

When compared to tricarboxylic acids, malic acid and other dicarboxylic acids were relatively ineffective in increasing the in vitro clotting time of normal human whole blood. However, the average of seven, 2 ml samples when mixed with 0.5 ml of 0.23 molar malic acid neutralized to pH 7 showed a four-fold increase of the clotting time (164).

A slight inhibitory effect on liver function of rabbits was noted after intravenous injection of 0.5 ml of a 1 M solution of malic acid per kilogram of body weight (478).

Growing rats fed a diet containing 8% casein; 38% Crisco, a hydrogenated vegetable oil; and 48% glucose, salts and vitamins were afforded no protection by malate against the resulting fatty infiltration cell necrosis, and eventual cirrhosis of the liver. To the contrary, malate seemed to promote fatty infiltration (166).

Fasted adrenalectomized male Wistar rats weighing 180-220 g infused for 90 minutes with 3.34 meq of malate at pH 4 in 3 ml of water resulted in less glycogen deposition in the liver than in 5 or 6 intact animals yet the blood glucose levels were not affected by adrenalectomy. When prior treatment with hydrocortisone was carried out, the liver

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remained stable. The action of malate and other substrates tested led to the conclusion that unknown metabolic pathways exist in cardiac muscle (501). Some clarification of this complex problem has resulted from studying the breakdown products of pyruvate - ^{14}C and α -ketoglutarate. In both of these biochemical systems, malate was determined to be one of the metabolic products found in the mitochondria of homogenized hearts from 1 to 1 1/2 kg rabbits (243).

A potentially important role as a vasodilating metabolite in the local regulation of blood flow has been predicted for malate and other Krebs cycle intermediates. This conclusion has been drawn from the significant vasodilation observed in 32 dog kidneys or forelimbs which were infused with these compounds by the submaximal dosages of 2.47 micro-moles per minute without changing the systemic pressure. Added validity of this role for malate and the other intermediates is the demonstration of a 20% decrease in renal resistance at the maximum infusion rates in comparison to no vascular effect when saline was similarly administered (148).

It is reported that a perfusion of 1 ml of 0.1 M (13 mg) sodium malate induced arrhythmic systoles in the fatigued Langendorff isolated cat heart. There generally was a decreased frequency and amplitude when the heart movement was steady and strong. Electrically induced arrhythmias did not improve with the malate perfusion. It had an inhibitory and injurious effect on the contractility of the heart in all cases (304).



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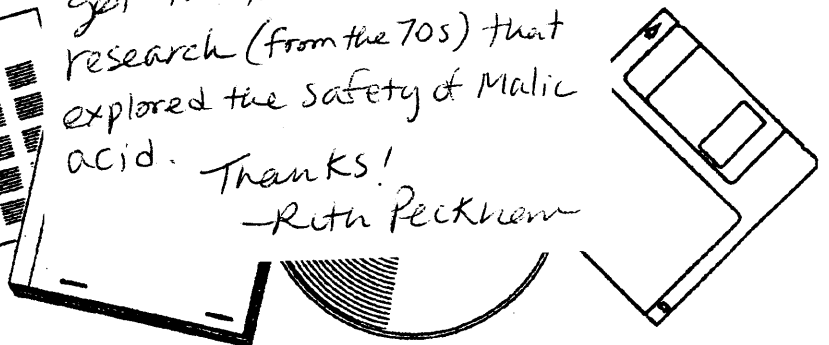
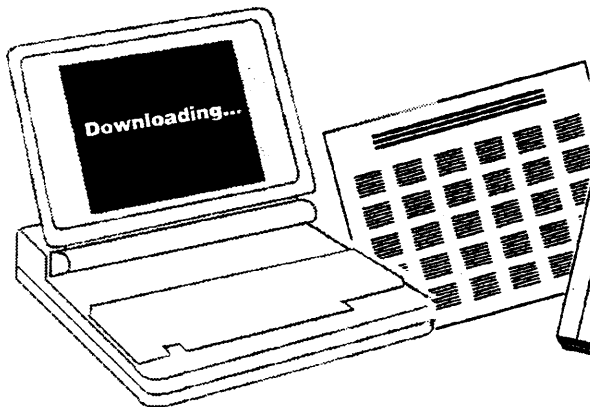
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acid. Thanks!
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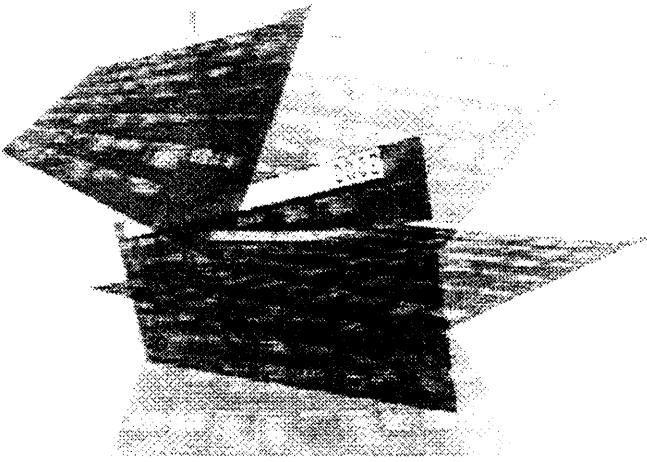
The effect of malic acid, a Krebs cycle metabolite (71), on the function of the heart, aorta, and other blood vessels, and in relation to cholesterol and atheromatosis has received the major attention in the malic acid studies.

In spite of an atherogenic diet of 200 mg/kg of cholesterol fed to rabbits, a 1,000 mg/kg dose of malic acid decreased the cholesterol and total lipid content in the liver, adrenals, and aorta (224). These results are in contrast to those obtained at the 70 mg/kg/day dosage level of cholesterol that showed a two-fold increase of cholesterol when 300 mg/kg malic acid was injected intraperitoneally (33).

Myocardial insufficiency associated with extremely low creatine phosphate was demonstrated after 58 minutes when an artificial blood containing 1.0 millimolar malate as a substrate was perfused through the hearts of 2.2 - 3.0 kg rabbits in situ. Pronounced decreases also occurred in ATP and glycogen in the ventricular muscle. The infusion time for the substrate free controls was 30-35 minutes (470).

Isolated rabbit auricles showed a depressed rate and amplitude of contraction due to malate. As the concentration of this substrate was depleted, the amplitude of the auricular beat continued to decrease but the rate

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Clinical laboratory studies on the blood and urine revealed no alterations that could be attributed to malic acid.

Gross pathology showed no organ changes at death, interval necropsy, or terminal sacrifice related to the experimental substance. The findings in the test animals were in general similar to those observed in the control animals.

The organ weight variations were considered to be incidental because of a lack of malic acid related histopathology of the rat tissues. However, those weights showing significant differences from the controls were for rats on the 50,000 ppm diet: at 26 weeks lower male thyroids, and lower heart and body weight for the females; at 52 weeks higher testes and lower liver weights for the males and lower body weights for the females; at the termination of the experiment, 104 weeks, higher spleen and lower kidney weights for the males and lower thyroid weights for the females.

Microscopic pathology did not reveal any malic acid "related changes in the tissues examined." Spontaneous aging changes were noted in both the test and control rats at a comparable incidence and severity as was the incidence and histologic of neoplasms observed. The following items are noted: two high level dosage males had testicular atrophy with reduction in spermatogenic activity; 3 of 5 of the 500 ppm, 2 of 5 of the 5,000 ppm and 3 of 10 of the 50,000 ppm malic acid test females experienced mammary gland fibroadenomas but 9 of 10 female controls exhibited similar fibroadenomas.

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<u>Group No.</u>	<u>No. of Animals</u>			
	<u>First Year</u>		<u>Second Year</u>	
	male	female	male	female
1	2	5	6	23
2	2	2	4	10
3	0	4	2	12
4	1	0	7	5

Growth was significantly depressed in all test animals for the first year but it was similar to the test group thereafter. Food intake in the high level dosage males was significantly reduced during the first year. Though reduced in the parallel group of females, the decreased food intake was not considered significant for the entire first year but was significant during the first 26 weeks. Some increase in food consumption took place during the second year. Better performance for the high level dosage males than their control counterparts is seen in the following survival data:

<u>Group No.</u>	<u>Mean Survival Time - Days</u>		<u>Percent Survival at 104 Weeks</u>	
	male	female	male	female
1 (Control)	620.4	667.4	38.3	55.0
2	561.5	672.7	30.7	50.0
3	672.5	668.0	30.0	55.6
4	704.6	704.7	80.9	75.0

III. Long Term Studies

Reference*

Method:

Species: Rats

Strain: Albino-Charles River

Sex: Male and Female

Number of Animals: 2 groups of 60, 6 groups of 30

Body Weight: Males- 0.125 - 0.177 kg,
Females- 0.107 - 0.149 kg

Duration: 104 weeks

Vehicle, solvent or carrier: Purina Laboratory Chow

Dose Schedule: 0; 500; 5,000; 50,000 ppm

Route of Administration: Oral

Observations:

During the first year, the appearance and behavior of the test rats was similar to the control rats. The respiratory involvement was lowest for the 50,000 ppm test males and highest for the male controls. In the first year, the high dosage males and females showed a predominance of the hunched appearance and/or alopecia other than that observed in all groups. This leveled off through the groups in the second year. Six high level dosage male rats developed protruding eyes during the second year of the study. This observation was also made in a few females from each group. Urine stains were less frequent in the test groups. The following number of externally palpable nodules or tissue masses were exhibited:

*Private communication from Allied Chemical Corporation

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Method:

Species: Dog

Strain: Young adult purebred beagles

Sex: Male and Female

Number of Animals: 8 groups of 4

Body Weight: 6.9 to 14.5 kg

Duration of Study: 104 weeks

Vehicle, solvent or carrier: Ground Wayne Dog Meal

Dose Schedule: 0; 500; 5,000; 50,000 ppm in diet

Route of Administration: Oral

Observations:

Body weight changes showed no dose-related pattern and the dogs appeared, ate, behaved, and eliminated normally throughout the 104 weeks.

Clinical laboratory studies of the blood and urine "failed to reveal compound-related alterations or trends at any dosage level". An elevation of urine bilirubin was found consistently for all male groups at the higher dosage level, the rise was less marked.

Gross and histological pathology showed only incidental tissue alterations which were considered not to be attributable to the malic acid.

* Private communication from Allied Chemical Corporation

Effect of manganese-malate and manganese-citrate complexes on the growth of mouse cancer.
The mice were treated for 13 days by intraperitoneal injections

Compound	Mn-malate complex	Mn-citrate complex	Control
Daily dose	200 µg	200 µg	
Weight of the single tumours	0,81	1,18	3,20
	0,80	1,13	2,92
	0,76	0,96	2,52
	0,75	0,84	2,36
	0,73	0,74	1,98
	0,70	0,73	1,63
	0,65	0,66	1,53
	0,50	—	1,43
	0,50	—	1,23
	—	—	1,20
Mean	0,68	0,89	2,00
Standard deviation	0,11	0,18	0,67
Student's variable	6,11	2,96	—
Significant diff.	6,13	5,01	—

Table 3

Effect of manganese-malate complex on the growth of mouse cancer.
The animals received 10 intraperitoneal injections

Daily dose	200 µg	Control
Weight of the single tumours	1,58	3,45
	0,77	2,80
	0,50	2,47
	0,49	2,20
	0,47	1,57
	0,46	1,45
	0,46	1,17
	0,40	1,00
	0,39	1,00
	—	1,00
Mean	0,61	1,83
Standard deviation ..	0,35	0,83
Student's variable	3,86	
Significant difference .	4,25	

Table 4

Comparison of tumour inhibitors on basis of the significant differences

Cd-ascorb. compl.	Mn-malate compl.	Mn-citrate compl.	Mn-ascorbic acid compl.
8,33	6,13	5,01	3,61

MALIC ACID

Summary

Although only two references to malate salts were encountered, sodium malate (304) and manganese malate (28), the terms malic acid and malate are used synonymously throughout the literature and are so used in this monograph.

The acute toxicity of malic acid administered as a 0.25N solution by injection at the rate of 10 cc per 3 minutes into the Vena jugularis dextra of rabbits has been found to be 2,400 mg/kg (194). No LD₅₀ values were accessible in the available literature.

Rabbits of approximately 2.85 kg body weight fed 70 mg/kg/day of cholesterol plus twice weekly intraperitoneal injections of about 100 mg/kg of malic acid for 5 months doubled their blood cholesterol over that of the control animals fed only 70 mg/kg/day of cholesterol. In an experiment where the feeding of cholesterol was ceased prior to the feeding of malic acid, the blood cholesterol returned to normal within 30 - 50 days and was accompanied by a reduction of total cholesterol and total lipids in the organs of the rabbits (225). Without the addition of cholesterol to the diet, malic acid did not increase the normal blood cholesterol level (33). Other evidence indicates that higher levels of malic acid, 1,000 mg/kg of rabbit body weight, lowered the cholesterol and total lipid content in the liver, adrenals and aorta in spite of an atherogenic diet of cholesterol 200 mg/kg (224). However, the initial stages of elastic fiber degeneration and an accumulation of acid mucopolysaccharides were revealed in the aortic sections of those rabbits

Manganese malate, one of the tumor inhibiting manganese complexes which along with other substances influencing oxidation and reduction that were tested for anti-tumor activity on transplanted Ehrlich's mouse tumors, was found to be more tumor inhibiting than all of the other salts tested except cadmium ascorbate. Nine series of 5 to 10, 10 g male and female white mice that received the tumor cells were dosed intraperitoneally with 10 mg/kg/day of manganese malate for 13 or 10 days. Only significant results were reported. Comparative data on two series of tests and on significant differences of tumor inhibition are given in Tables 2, 3, & 4. Manganese malate and citrate had the advantage over cadmium ascorbate of lower toxicity as tumor inhibitors. In fact, the toxicity of manganese malate is sufficiently low to permit therapeutic testing (28).

receiving both 70 mg/kg/day cholesterol and 300 mg of malic acid twice weekly. Athrosclerotic changes due to an accumulation of decomposition products and collagen in the aorta wall were also revealed in these rabbits. This degeneration plus general lipogenesis were more marked when malic acid and cholesterol were fed simultaneously than when cholesterol was administered alone. These aortic changes were similar to those found for citric and fumaric acids and, therefore, may be due to an interference by malic acid with the normal oxidative processes of the Krebs cycle (33).

Apparently superior survival rates than the controls and no toxic symptoms were encountered when Albino rats of the Charles River strain were fed malic acid. The study was conducted at 0.05%, 0.5%, and 5.0% of the diet for 104 weeks. Growth was significantly suppressed during the first year at the 5% dietary level. During this period, the male test rats of this group consumed considerably less food. The females of the group recovered their appetite after 26 weeks. During the second year there was little distinction between the test and control rats. The lower weights were reflected in some of the organs for rats on the 50,000 ppm malic acid diet level. Higher spleen weights were found for the male rats at the same feeding level. Other parameters studied were considered within the normal limits of variation and not malic acid related.*

Chronic dietary administration of malic acid at 500; 5,000; and 50,000 ppm levels of dogs produced no differences in general appearance, body fluids tested, or gross pathology or histopathology "attributable to consumption of the compound, " *

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were simultaneously fed cholesterol and malic acid than when cholesterol was fed alone. These deleterious changes in the aorta wall may have been due to an interference by malic acid with the normal oxidative processes of the Krebs cycle as seen in similar studies when citric and fumaric acids were tested (33).

Where rabbits were fed cholesterol prior to being fed malic acid, the blood plasma cholesterol returned to normal within 30-50 days. This drop in the cholesterol level was accompanied by a reduction of total cholesterol and total lipid content in the organs of the rabbits (225).

A decrease in ketosis was greater using insulin plus malic acid than when insulin was used alone in alloxan-diabetes of 4 weeks duration on 200-220 g female Sprague-Dawley rats. They had been fed 4-6 ml of Wesson oil by stomach tube twice daily for one week on alternating weeks. Amphogel and tincture of opium were also administered to prevent diarrhea. Malic acid by itself did not reduce ketonuria in the diabetic rats as it does in non-diabetic rats. The dosage of malic acid adjusted to pH 4.5 was sufficient to cause glucosuria. Based on possible oxalacetate production the amount administered was equivalent to 2 ml/100 g/day of a 13.5% or a 20% glucose solution. No mention of any co-effect on the mice due to the toluene under which the urine was collected was considered (34).

A conclusion that unknown metabolic pathways exist in the heart muscle resulted from studies on the infusion of malic acid in an artificial blood through in vivo hearts (470) and isolated rabbit auricles (501). The hearts developed myocardial insufficiency (470). However, the auricular beat amplitude decreased while its slowed rate remained stable as the concentration of malic acid was depleted. A reduced frequency and amplitude was also encountered when Langendorff isolated cat hearts were perfused with 1 ml of 0.1 molar (13 mg) sodium malate (304). Some clarification of these findings exists in the determination of malic acid as one of the breakdown products of both pyruvate-¹⁴C and α-ketoglutaric acid (243). However, these hearts especially when fatigued developed arrhythmic systoles. Sodium malate not only did not correct electrically induced systoles but it had an inhibitory effect on the ability of the heart to contract in all cases (304). Malate in a 5 millimolar glucose perfusion medium did restore anaerobic beating to anoxic hearts to a greater extent than did the control glucose medium (71).

Significant local vasodilation observed in 32 dogs when kidneys and forelimbs were infused at a sub-maximal rate of 2.47 micromoles per minute with malic acid led to the prediction of malic acid playing a potentially important role in the local regulation of blood flow. With the maximum infusion rate, a 20% decrease in renal resistance was experienced (148).

Biological Aspects

I. Acute Toxicity

The acute toxicity of malic acid was found to be 2,400 mg/kg for rabbits of 2 kg weight when a 106 ml of a 0.25N solution was injected into the Vena jugularis dextra. This was not stated to be an LD₅₀ and was the result for approximately 4 rabbits (194).

II. Short Term Studies

Perhaps because malic acid is a common food acid, the number of controlled studies on the toxicity of malic acid encountered in the available literature was limited.

The effect of carbohydrate metabolism disruption on the aorta wall and the development of alimentary fat accumulation was studied by administering 70 mg/kg of cholesterol daily and 300 mg of malic acid intraperitoneally twice a week for 5 months to rabbits. These 2.7 - 3.0 kg animals showed a doubling of the cholesterol level due to the injection of malic acid over the value of 371 mg% found for comparative rabbits receiving only 70 mg/kg/day of cholesterol. Malic acid without the added cholesterol did not increase the normal blood cholesterol level of 70 mg% but revealed the initial stages of elastic fiber degeneration and an accumulation of acid mucopolysaccharides in aortic sections. This was followed by atherosclerotic changes in the vessel walls due to an aggregation of decomposition products and an accumulation of collagen. A more severe degeneration of the intima and medial of the aorta as well as a general lipogenesis with marked atheromatous foci was observed when the rabbits

In vitro clotting time of normal human whole blood was not increased by malic acid (164).

In vivo studies showed liver function of rabbits to be only slightly inhibited by the intravenous injection of 0.5 ml of 1 molar malic acid per kg (0.067 mg/kg) (478). The production of malate from propionate in liver slices from normal rats and cows, and ketotic cows has been observed. In the ketotic cows, the ratio of malic acid and the other oxidative metabolic components varied from that of the normal rats and cows which were essentially the same (79). Suggestion that the liver is the site of immediate affect of adrenal cortical hormones on malate stems from comparing (a) fasting adrenalectomized rats, (b) the intact animals and (c) adrenalectomized animals treated with hydrocortisone, prior to receiving malic acid by infusion. The blood levels of glucose were unaffected in groups (a) and (b) but the group (a) animals had a lower glycogen deposition in the liver than did the group (b) animals. This was returned to normal in the group (c) rats as shown in Table 5, page 23 (512).

In contrast, malate seemed to cause fatty infiltration when a 38% hydrogenated oil diet was fed to growing rats. This was accompanied by a lack of protection against cell necrosis and eventual cirrhosis of the liver (166).

In bone, malate has been found in both the active and inactive forms co-precipitated with calcium phosphate. The resultant concentration of 5.5 mg% is 3.5 times the liver malate concentration (254). The incorporation of malate as a total incorporation and bone mineral incorporation

VIII. Occurrence and Levels Found in (233a)

A. Plants

Malic acid has been found in cultures of a variety of microorganisms including Aspergilli, yeast, Sclerotinias, and Penicillium brevi-compactum. Among the Rhizopi, it occurs together with L(+)-lactic acid and fumaric acid.

Fruit sources of malic acid as the percent of total acid content are given in Table 1.

Table 1. Malic Acid in Fruits

Fruit	% of total acid	Fruit	% of total acid
apple	97.2	orange pulp	trace
apricot	23.7-69.8	peach	50.0-96.2
banana	53.7-92.3	pear	33.0-86.6
blueberry	6.0	persimmon	100.0
cherry	94.2	pineapple	12.5
cranberry	19.1-23.5	plum	98.5
gooseberry	40.2	quince	100.0
grape (Concord)	60.0	rhubarb	77.0
grapefruit	5.6	strawberry	9.9-11.0
lemon	4.5	watermelon	100.0
orange peel	59.6-80.0		

B. Animals

No information was encountered in the available literature.

C. Synthetics

No information was encountered in the available literature.

D. Natural inorganic sources

No information was encountered in the available literature.

was evidenced in parathyroid treated young growing rats when calvaria, and the metaphyseal and epiphyseal sections of marrow free tibia and fibia were incubated in vitro in Krebs-Ringer bicarbonate buffer containing 2 millimolar glucose and malate (77).

Although the 2 cell mouse embryo showed no ^{14}C uptake from fully carbon labeled, L-malate- $U\text{-}^{14}\text{C}$, the 8 cell embryo produced ^{14}C labeled CO_2 and accumulated some substrate ^{14}C . The uptake of the 8 cell embryo was only partially dependent upon the malate concentration but was dependent on temperature as the ^{14}C uptake dropped off sharply when incubation was carried out at 5°C (497).

Reproduction indices of the Albino rats used as test subjects for 1,000 and 10,000 ppm dietary studies of malic acid "were similar to those of the controls." At the diet level of 10,000 ppm, during the lactation period, the number of first filial generation first litter pups that were weak or showed labored respiration was increased. Caesarean section delivered second filial generation second litter fetuses" showed no meaningful differences" of reproductive parameters from those shown by the control rats. No dead fetuses were encountered.*

White Leghorn chick embryos that survived 17 days of incubation after the L form of malic was injected into the eggs had a significant increase in the percentage of rumplessness when compared to the controls. D-malate under these conditions caused no effect and no other abnormalities were found for either isomer (250). Malic acid has also been identified in the shells of eggs (254).

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VII. Analytical Methods

A. Detection and Quantitation in Foods

1. General

- Fluorometric (32)
- Gas Chromatography (191)

2. Fruits and Fruit Derivatives

- Thin Layer Chromatography (76)
- Polarimetry (131)
- Manometric (240)
- Ion Exchange plus Ultra Violet (165)
- Paper Chromatography (220)
- Gas-Liquid Chromatography (287)

3. Biological Fluids

- Gas Chromatography (526)
- Enzymatic (339)
- Fluorometric (204)

4. Synthetic Mixtures of Food Acids

- Fluorometric (32)
- Thin Layer Chromatography (46)
- Thin Layer Electrophoresis plus Chromatography (341)

B. Procedural Studies

- Paper Electrophoresis-High Voltage (172)
- Gas Chromatography (190)
- Fluorometric (444)

Injection of malic acid into the nucleus caudatus caused the same type of convulsions as did dexamethasone. However, when the injection site was the motor area of the cerebral cortex no spasms were elicited (305). Electrical responses were restored to some degree by malic acid in the presence of glucose to cerebral cortex slices previously rendered defective to respiration in the presence of glucose (299).

Threshold potentials were decreased in both a single toad motor neuron exposed to 0.02 molar malate and its adjacent control incubated in Ringer's solution but the resting potential was only decreased in the malate immersed node (344).

Contrary to other published results, malic acid caused an increased glucuronic acid excretion in the urine (288). Also increased was the respiration of rabbit kidney cortex as measured by oxygen uptake when malic acid was added to modified Ringer's solution. The increases in QO_2 of 1.80 and 3.37 were relatively consistent with the increase of malic acid from 5 mg% to 10 mg% malic acid (402).

When used in conjunction with insulin, malic acid both enhances the effect of exogenous insulin (54) and decreases ketosis to a greater extent (34) than when insulin was administered alone. The ketotic decrease took place in normal and alloxan diabetic female Sprague-Dawley rats fed 4-6 ml of Wesson oil by stomach tube twice daily. This anti-ketotic action of malic acid in diabetic rats takes place only in the presence of insulin. However, in non-diabetic rats, it does reduce ketonuria at dosages sufficient to cause glucosuria, 2 ml/100 g/day of a 13.5% or a 20% glucose solution (34).

VI. Description (141a)

A. General Characteristics

White or nearly white, crystalline powder or granules having a strongly acid taste. One gram dissolves in 0.8 ml. of water and in 1.4 ml. of alcohol. Its solutions are optically inactive.

B. Physical Properties (300a)

- DL-Form: Crystals, mp 131-132°
- D(+). Form: Crystals, mp 101°
- L(-). Form: Apple acid,
Crystals from acetone or
acetone + chloroform mp 100°
decomposes about 140°
- Optical Rotation, $[\alpha]_D$
at a concentration of
8.5 g/100 ml H₂O -2.3°

Solubility (141a)

Water	freely soluble
Ethanol	71.4%
Propyl alcohol	43.5%
Methanol	133.3%
Ether	58.8%

C. Stability in Containers (141a)

Store in well-closed containers.

The only cancer related study reported was on the inhibitory effect elucidated by manganese malate on transplanted Ehrlich's mouse tumors. Though the anti-tumor activity of cadmium ascorbate was greater than that of manganese malates, the malate toxicity was sufficiently low for therapeutic testing while the reverse was true for cadmium ascorbate. Comparative data are given in Tables 2, 3, 4, page 18(28).

Malic acid was shown to be one of the two most irritating test compounds when placed as solutions of varying concentrations into eye lid slits of rabbits. It was more irritating than phosphoric acid and much more irritating than hydrochloric acid based on the volume of edema produced in the upper palpebral conjunctiva (251a).

The significance of malic acid as a biological agent is many fold. One aspect is the enhancement of gluconeogenic action of L-lactate in rat kidney cortex slices by D-malate whereas D-malate alone produces very little glucose. D-malate also inhibits the gluconeogenesis of L-malate and pyruvate but has little effect on the rate of the tricarboxylic cycle. There is only a slight reduction of glucose formation from malate when 0.1 millimolar amino-oxyacetate is added to the incubation medium (402).

Radioactive evidence which indicates that when L-and D-malate are administered to rats by mouth or intraperitoneally the metabolic products are both excreted at the 90-95 % level with 83-92 % of the ^{14}C in the form of carbon dioxide has led to the conclusion that there is no reason to discriminate against D-malate as a food additive (96). This reasoning is questioned when other biological parameters that do not confirm an identity of action for L-and D-malate are evaluated (279, 250, 402).

B. Food Grade (141a)

Assay. Not less than 99.5 percent of $C_4H_6O_5$.
Melting range. Between 130° and 132°.

Limits of Impurities:

- Arsenic (as As). Not more than 3 parts per million (0.0003 percent).
- Fumaric acid. Not more than 0.5 percent.
- Heavy metals (as Pb). Not more than 20 parts per million (0.002 percent).
- Lead. Not more than 10 parts per million (0.001 percent).
- Maleic acid. Not more than 0.05 percent.
- Residue on ignition. Not more than 0.1 percent.
- Water-insoluble matter. Not more than 0.1 percent.

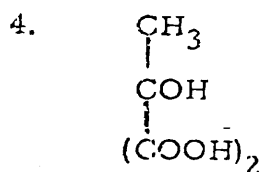
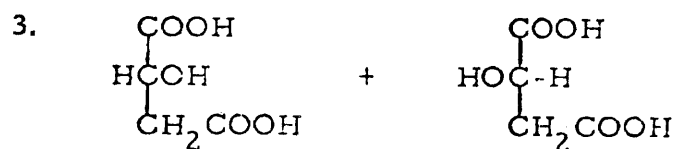
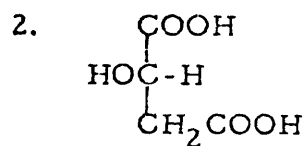
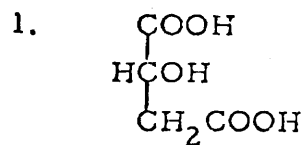
C. Official Compendia

Food Chemical Codex (141a)

Consideration of malic acid as an active intermediate in animal metabolism is based in part on the levels of α -ketoglutaric, pyruvic, citric and oxalacetic acids in the blood and urine of animals. α -ketoglutaric acid has been found to be markedly elevated in the urine of rats fed malic acid (431) and in the blood of fasting pregnant ewes after its intravenous injection (387). In both cases, the pyruvic acid was only slightly increased (387, 431). Ewe blood citric acid was also markedly increased while oxalacetic acid showed no consistent trend (387). A change in the shape of the pyruvic saturation curve from sigmoid to hyperbolic was noted in rabbit skeletal muscle when under the influence of malate (147).

Another confirmation of the role of malic acid as a biologically significant compound has been confirmed by its exchange between the mitochondria and cytosol together with reversible malate dehydrogenase activity. This activity tends to equilibrate isotopically in these compartments with the pool of nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide, reduced (NADH) (403). L-malate dehydrogenase inhibition of D-malate has been shown in various tissues of rat kidney cortex (402). Further importance of malate is indicated by the rapid exchange of ^{14}C between L-malate and acetate as determined by radioactivity transfer and production of ^{14}C containing glucose (497).

III. Structural formulae (250a) (300a)



IV. Molecular Weight (141a)

134.09

V. Specifications (300a)

A. Chemical

C 35.83%

H 4.51%

O 59.66%

Activation of papain at an intermediate level by malic acid (342) and of partially purified human prostate acid phosphatase at pH 4.6 by D-malate have been demonstrated (11).

Analytically, DL-malate has been used to differentiate between D-amino acid oxidase and D-aspartic acid oxidase. The procedure takes advantage of studies on in vitro hog kidney that show racemic malic acid inhibits oxidation of D-aspartic acid by D-aspartic acid oxidase but does not inhibit a similar action of D-alanine by D-amino acid oxidase (279).

It was further shown that unlike most other compounds tested, free malic acid injected into the blood of rabbits may cause either a decrease or increase in blood pH. This may be due to the influence of the blood constituents on the formation of malate salts and/or the ionization of the two acids radicals (194).

A probable cause of the decrease of metabolic acetylation in the presence of malic acid in vitro may be its inability to act as a hydrogen acceptor (447).

The total United States poundage in 1970 as reported by the NAS/NRC was 4,170,478 pounds (320b).

The level of use of malic acid in foods is up to 4%. Its main use is in sweet snack, confectionary, and bakery products plus in some flavorings (320a).

The highest possible daily intake of malic acid from all sources by the 2-65+ age group is estimated at 1,829.5 mg (320b), Table 6, pages 33-34.

MALIC ACID

Chemical Information

I. Nomenclature

A. Common names (250a)

1. D-malic acid
2. L-malic acid (naturally occurring isomer)
3. D-L-malic acid
4. α-iso-malic acid

B. Chemical names (250a) (233a)

- 1., 2., 3. Hydroxysuccinic acid
Hydroxybutanedioic acid
1-Hydroxy-1, 2-ethanedicarboxylic acid
4. Methyl tartronic acid

C. Trade names (300a)

2. Apple acid
- 1., 3., 4. No trade names encountered in the available literature

D. Chemical Abstracts Services Unique Registry Number

000097-67-6

II. Empirical formula (141a)

