

## A23V

### INDEXING SCHEME RELATING TO FOODS, FOODSTUFFS OR NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

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#### Food compositions, function of food ingredients or processes for food or foodstuffs

##### Definition statement

*This place covers:*

Foodstuffs and food processes compositions and processes. Indexing symbols are used in combination with the base class [A23V 2002/00](#) to indicate the composition, function of ingredient(s) or process.

##### Special rules of classification

[A23V 2002/00](#) scheme is used to index food processes and function and/or composition of food. The indexing system is used as additional information to indicate more specific features of a composition, e.g. a particular additive (such as a gum or plant extract) which is significant for the invention.

- general format: [A23V 2002/00](#),symbol1,symbol2,symbol3,symbol4,... the order of the symbols does not matter

In addition, the indexing system is used as additional information to indicate a particular function of an ingredient :

- e.g. carbon dioxide as foaming agent is indexed:

[A23V 2002/00](#),[A23V 2250/11](#), [A23V 2200/226](#)

- At least one symbol is associated with [A23V 2002/00](#) but preferably two or more symbols (generally up to about 15-18 symbols) may be used in combination, the number of combination symbols is however not limited.
- several different combinations should be given for different compositions, e.g.

composition 1 : [A23V 2002/00](#), symbol1,symbol2,symbol3

composition 2 : [A23V 2002/00](#), symbol1,symbol3,symbol4,symbol5

- specific examples are indexed in priority as far as possible, comparative examples may also be indexed.
- if less than 5 to 10 examples : all examples should be indexed
- more than 10 examples : the most significant ones only are indexed
- if less than 15 indexable components : all components (and possibly function(s), processes) are indexed.
- If several functions/processes are associated with different combinations of ingredients (composition), multiple combinations should be given, e.g.

(funct1,2,3,.. = symbol for function ; ingr1,2,3,.. = symbol for ingredient)

[A23V 2002/00](#),funct1,ingr2,ingr3,ingr4,ingr6

[A23V 2002/00](#),funct2,ingr2,ingr5,ingr7,ingr8

[A23V 2002/00](#),funct3,ingr2,ingr6,ingr8,ingr9

- If several functions are associated with the same composition, all functions can be indexed in the same combination, e.g.

[A23V 2002/00](#),funct1,funct2,funct3,ingr1,ingr2,ingr3

- if more than 15 indexable components : the most significant ones are indexed and/or mixture symbols are used, e.g. [A23V 2250/70](#) for vitamin mixture, [A23V 2250/156](#) for mineral mixture.
- if no example present, the claims are indexed (preferably the dependent claims comprising the greatest number of components in combination).