



INTERNATIONAL PROBIOTICS ASSOCIATION EUROPE¹

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In a significant development for the probiotic industry, a formal request for investigation has been submitted to the European Ombudsman, questioning the European Commission's stance on probiotics. The Association argues that the European Commission has inadequately addressed the concerns raised by the industry and provides sufficient elements to support this request.

In response, the Ombudsman has initiated an inquiry to scrutinize the Commission's handling of the complainant's issues, highlighting the need for the Commission to consider new evidence and requested that the Commission provide a more detailed explanation of its rationale for categorizing probiotics as a health claim only. The inquiry is currently ongoing, and further developments are anticipated as the Ombudsman seeks to ensure that the Commission's decisions are transparent and evidence based.

This investigation brings renewed hope to the probiotic industry, which has long awaited for more clarity and the recognition of the probiotic category of products and ingredients".

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¹ IPA Europe is the European chapter of IPA, the International Probiotics Association; it was established in Brussels in 2015. The members of IPA Europe are Companies directly engaged in the manufacture of probiotic cultures or probiotic foods, supplements, nutritional and therapeutic products. The IPA Europe mission is: to gain acceptance of the term "probiotic" throughout Europe as a defined category and to create a favourable environment for probiotics in Europe.