

## SAFE® Premium Scientific Diets

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Patented Blue V  
(2a131)

NEW

Tartrazine-Green  
Patented Blue V  
(2a102-2a131)

NEW

Sunset Orange Yellow  
(E110)

NEW

DIETS

Slight color deviations possible.

### Bright colored food for rodents

The safety and smooth running of a scientific research work is key to its success. When two closely related feeds are used in an experiment, it is useful and practical to dye one of them. This practice is also interesting for evaluating consumption and any possible waste as it makes it easy to visually identify feed that has fallen into the litter. Legally, dyes are classified as additives in animal and human nutrition.

For precautionary reasons and in line with our policy of offering feed solutions with the greatest possible neutrality, SAFE® does not use dyes in standard feeds. The use of these additives is only possible in special feeds and only upon explicit customer request. The sensitivity of research models varies depending on strains, husbandry conditions and the trial itself.

There is no consensus on the possible organoleptic and sensory effects of such compounds. Therefore, it is not recommended to change the colors of the diets used during the experiment.

Our SAFE® Special Diet experts are available for further information via email: [customdiets@safe-lab.com](mailto:customdiets@safe-lab.com)

### New Data Sheets

**Transparency and trust, the technical data sheets: an essential document.**

In 2020, we revised our data sheets and implemented a new general design. The first page describes the specific diet, its properties, dosing instructions and for which animal species it was developed while the second page summarizes the diet formula by its ingredients, the various energy sources, minerals and vitamins.

In recent years, we have expanded our analysis monitoring as the performance and analytical capabilities of laboratories have improved. More than 30,000 analyses per year ensure the food safety of our products and expand our database. As a result, certain nutritional information, mainly vitamins, fatty acids and minerals, got updated to reflect these new findings.

Of course, following SAFE®'s philosophy, the formulation of the diets remains unchanged and the new version is only a graphic redesign.



### Label Modification



### Food, perishable products with technical requirements

From the year 2021, we have changed the declaration of the expiry date of special and gel diets in line with EU Regulation 1169/2011. Specifically, this means that we have changed from an optimal expiration date to a best before date.

Be sure to observe the best-before date, as the product can no longer be used after expiration. If the date is exceeded, the feed is no more safe for the animal from a health point of view, as the nutritional value of the product can no longer be guaranteed. On the packaging, the best-before date is indicated on the product label.

This information represents an important support for the management of your warehouse. What expires first should also be used first to ensure the function of the work areas and the reliability of your scientific experiments.

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