FAT SUBSTITUTION USING PLANT PROTEINS

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Research need

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Health benefits

A reduction in fat consumption, and in particular the consumption of saturated fats, would make a considerable contribution to preventing overweight. This would lead to improved blood fat levels and so also reduce the risk of arteriosclerosis and heart attack.

New technology

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Applications

Due to the new manufacturing process the product has virtually no own taste and can hence be used in a wide range of foods. Example applications include mayonnaise and dressings, chocolate spreads and cheese spreads for bread, fillings for pralines, meat pastes, and creamy desserts.

New method for fat substitution in foods

- Micro-fine protein spheres generate creamy consistency
- Fat-like mouth-feel
- Up to 90% less fat consumption, depending on the application
- Wide range of applications
- Neutral taste

Fat substitution using plant proteins: Fat-reduced mayonnaise and chocolate mousse.