

EPS cultures for cheeses

we are ingredients makers



Increase performance without changing the characteristics of your cheeses.

We are pioneers in the application of structuring cultures (EPS)

Consumers constantly search the market for new products displaying interesting features on the market, often looking for innovation.

In the mesophilic starter line, Sacco offers innovative blends like starter blends with strains that produce exopolysaccharides. Their application range covers many different products and technologies, where these mesophilic cultures play a fundamental role.

The addition of EPS-producing cultures in semi-hard cheeses and pasta filata (full-fat, part-skim, and skim milk) for example, is a scientifically demonstrated alternative for increasing performance without changing the physical-chemical and sensory characteristics of your cheeses.

As it is widely known, EPS are long chain, high molecular weight α and β linkages which may contain homopolysaccharides or heteropolysaccharides (De Vuyst & Degeest, 1999). Sacco offers a series of strains able to produce EPS, namely *Streptococcus thermophilus*, *Lactobacillus bulgaricus* and *Lactococcus lactis* ssp. *cremoris*.

The benefits of EPS are:

- Preservation moisture and reduction of whey off
- Interaction with caseins and whey-protein to stabilize and improve structure
- Improve elasticity and plasticity of the finished product, especially in the production of reduced fat products.



Why use SACCO SYSTEM EPS cultures

The use of exopolysaccharide-producing cultures in the manufacturing of semi-hard and soft cheeses improves yield and increases moisture.

Moreover, the addition of EPS-producing cultures does not affect proteolysis, pH, melting capacity and sensory acceptance.

However, differences can be observed in the rheological parameters such as hardness, chewiness.

The addition of EPS-producing cultures in semi-hard cheeses is a promising way to increase yield without changing the physicochemical and sensory characteristics of the finished product.

With EPS



Without EPS



BETTER FUNCTIONALITY



BETTER SLICES



PLASTICITY AND ELASTICITY