Glossary

Fermentation: Chemical breakdown of a substance by bacteria, yeasts or other microorganisms.

Hydrogenation: To combine or treat a molecule with hydrogen.

Probiotic: A substance that stimulates the growth of microorganisms especially those with beneficial properties e.g those of intestinal flora.

Non-cariogenic: Substance which does not promote caries or tooth decay.

Enzyme Interesterfication: A process in which lipase enzyme is used to catalyse the exchange of fatty acids attached to glycerol backbone of a fat.

Catalyst: A substance that causes a chemical reaction to occur more quickly.

Isomer: Each of two or more compounds with the same formula but different arrangement of atoms in molecule and different properties.

