

Arla Foods acquires Volac Whey Nutrition business

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Arla Foods Ingredients is moving forward with its acquisition of Volac's Whey Nutrition business after it was approved by the UK's Competition and Markets Authority. The regulator's go-ahead followed an agreement between the two companies, which was signed in April 2024.

The business is built around a processing facility at Felinfach in Wales, which handles large volumes of whey and specialises in the production of whey protein isolate (WPI). The site will now become a cornerstone of Arla Foods Ingredients's global production facilities, with further investment and expansion planned in the coming years.

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