

First Downstream Plant in Germany opened by Hopsteiner, Mainburg

Conventional hop extracts and pellets have been available for many years. However the last few years have been marked by increased demand for fractionated and pre-isomerized hop products.

Isomerized products for use in the brew-kettle and pre-filtration are becoming more popular with breweries worldwide. Isomerized kettle extract and pre-isomerized pellets are used in the brew house, much the same as conventional hop products. Iso-extracts are used for late addition to beer prior to final filtration. All these products improve iso-alpha acid yields in wort and beer.

Until now these extracts have been produced mainly in the USA and Great Britain. Our processing plant in Yakima has been producing these extracts for many years. So far the only hop product of this kind made in Germany was the pre-isomerized pellet. Our new plant in Mainburg produces IKE (Isomerized Kettle Extract), PIKE (Potassium Isomerized Kettle Extract) and Iso-Extract. This means that European/German hops will now also be available in the form of pre-isomerized extracts.



Reaction and separation tanks in the new plant