

The present invention concerns an improved method of pre-soaking a non-edible collagen casing for foodstuffs and reinforcing the clip strength and cooking resistance thereof, the method comprising treating the dried collagen casing with an aqueous solution of at least one salt selected from the group consisting of sodium bicarbonate, sodium sulphate, ammonium chloride, calcium chloride, sodium hydrogen phosphate, potassium hydrogen phosphate, potassium chloride, ammonium sulphate, optionally in combination with sodium chloride, the total salt concentration being in the range of 5-18% by weight.