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Abstracts

The Global Immunomodulatory Protein Hydrolysates Market was valued at USD 709 million in 2024 and is estimated to grow at a CAGR of 6.3% to reach USD 1.3 billion by 2034.

The industry is experiencing strong momentum as consumers become more aware of immune health and gain a clearer understanding of immune-related conditions. These hydrolysates, created by enzymatically converting proteins into short, bioactive peptides, play an active role in helping regulate immune activity by either supporting defensive responses or moderating inflammation. Their value spans functional foods, dietary supplements, and pharmaceutical formulations because they promote immune resilience, help reduce vulnerability to infections, and contribute to recovery processes. Demand is also shaped by their high bioavailability, safety profile, targeted immune benefits, and minimal side effects. Rising interest in natural and functional ingredients continues to elevate adoption, while the growth of personalized nutrition and preventive wellness adds substantial opportunity. An expanding older population that faces higher immune risks is further contributing to market progression. Research efforts focusing on new peptides with enhanced immunomodulatory potential continue to stimulate product innovation, and manufacturers across food, beverage, and therapeutic categories are incorporating these ingredients into a wide range of formulations, including those explored for immune support in clinical settings.

The milk-based hydrolysates segment held 61.5% share in 2024 owing to strong scientific support, established production capabilities, and long-recognized immune modulation functions. Major dairy-linked producers have invested in advanced enzymatic processes to deliver consistent, high-quality hydrolysates with reliable

bioactive characteristics.

The clinical and medical nutrition segment held a 21% share in 2024, driven by demand for specialized solutions tailored to individuals with compromised immunity or unique medical requirements. This segment includes nutritionally designed options for people undergoing intensive treatments, older adults with age-related immune decline, and individuals managing autoimmune-related challenges.

North America Immunomodulatory Protein Hydrolysates Market held 42.1% share and is projected to grow at a 6.4% CAGR through 2034, supported by strong consumer acceptance of functional nutrition and a well-developed innovation environment. Companies in the region are devoting substantial resources to research geared toward developing next-generation hydrolysates with enhanced immune-support properties.

Prominent companies participating in the Global Immunomodulatory Protein Hydrolysates Market include Arla Foods Ingredients, Azelis Group, Cargill, Incorporated, DSM-Firmenich, Fonterra (NZMP), FrieslandCampina Ingredients, Glanbia PLC, Hilmar Cheese Company, Inc., Kerry Group, PB Leiner, Roquette, and Tatura. Companies in the Immunomodulatory Protein Hydrolysates Market are pursuing several strategic actions to secure a stronger competitive position. Many are prioritizing large-scale investment in enzymatic technology to improve consistency, purity, and bioactivity. Firms are also expanding collaborative research programs to identify new peptide functionalities and accelerate clinical validation. Product portfolios are widening through the development of tailored hydrolysates designed for specific consumer groups, including aging populations and individuals with targeted immune needs. Businesses are reinforcing supply chains to ensure reliable sourcing and efficient global distribution.

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