

ARTICLE 4 REQUEST Regulation (EU) 2015/2283

Recipient Member State: Belgium, Federal Public Service of Health, Food safety and Environment,

Name of the food:

Mycoprotein derived from the microorganism *Fusarium venenatum* A 3/5 (IMI 145425, NRRL 26139)

Description of the food:

The food in question is a protein-rich preparation (mycoprotein) derived from the same strain of *Fusarium venenatum* used for the production of Quorn® and is produced with the same production method (aerobic fermentation process from a carbohydrate substrate). The requester proposes to use the food ingredient in a number of food categories similar to the current uses of Quorn®.

Status: this food ingredient is **not novel**.

Reasons for this conclusion:

Competent authorities of the EU Member States and the European Commission were consulted.

The requestor uses the same strain of the culture of *Fusarium venenatum* and the same production methods to obtain the same end product as Quorn®. The intended uses of the mycoprotein are the same as Quorn® which is considered a non-novel food and was consumed by a significant population in the EU before 15 May 1997. Quorn® is already on the market in the UK since 1985 and since then also been sold in many EU Member States.

The requested provided information on the composition, RNA level, heavy metals, mycotoxins, pesticides and allergens. The company producing the mycoprotein has assessed the potential risk for these aspects and has established appropriate specifications and procedures to guarantee food safety.