

Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2015 on novel foods

Consultation request for a determination of novel food status pursuant to Article 4(2) of the above Regulation

Recipient Member State: German Federal Office for Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL)

Information pursuant to Article 7 of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/456

1. Name and description of the food concerned

Pine cone (*Pinus sylvestris*) syrup

Syrup obtained by boiling down young pine cones (*Pinus sylvestris*) with drinking water, sugar and citric acid and then removing the pine cones.

The product is for use as a food or food ingredient.

2. Novel food status

The product is not novel.

3. Food category under which the food falls

Not applicable.

4. Justification

The applicant stated that the above food was manufactured and/or consumed to a significant degree in various EU Member States before 15 May 1997, but was unable to prove it.

On consultation, the Member States Romania and Hungary were able to confirm that pine cone syrup (*Pinus sylvestris*) prepared in the way described by the applicant was consumed as a food to a significant degree before 15 May 1997. The pine cone syrup in question, with the pine cones removed, has therefore been categorised as not novel.