

**Application for consultation to determine the status of a novel food, pursuant to Article 4(2) of the Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2015 on novel foods.**

**Recipient Member State: SPANISH AGENCY FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD SAFETY AND NUTRITION (AECOSAN)**

***Passiflora edulis f. edulis Sims***

**Name and description of the novel food concerned:**

The food ingredient for which opinion is sought is under the name *Passiflora edulis f. edulis Sims* commonly named as gulupa.

The fruit ( gulupa) is purple, round to oval, with a dry and wrinkled skin when ripe. Inside, where the fruit is, it is soft to firm and juicy, full of numerous seeds.

The product is intended to be used fresh, juices, nectars, jams and culinary preparations (sauces, desserts ...).

**Status** –Not Novel Food

**Novel food category (where applicable):** not applicable

**Reasons Statement:**

In view of the evidence provided by the applicant *Passiflora edulis f. edulis Sims* have a safe history of consumption prior to 15/05/1997.

There have been exports of this fruit to the European Union, and it has been possible to validate that it was a continuous market since 1991 to 1997, and there was availability in the european market on a regular basis during this period of time.

After consulting other Member States and the Commission some of these have confirmed a history of safe consumption for *Passiflora edulis f. edulis sims*, prior to May 15, 1997.

**Conclusion:**

From the information supplied by the applicant and other Member States, Spain concludes that a safe history of consumption in the EU prior to 15/05/1997 has been established for *Passiflora edulis f. edulis Sims* so it is consider as not novel food not falling within the scope of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2015 on novel foods.