

## APPENDIX

### 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

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

##### 1. Name and description of the food concerned

'MELTEC®': product made from the seed coats of chickpeas (testa of *Cicer arietinum* seeds) and maize dextrin

The product is obtained from chickpea seeds by boiling, flaking and grinding and separating the seed coat (testa). It is then mixed with maize dextrin.

It is intended to be used for nutritional purposes in ice cream (dietary fibre).

##### 2. Novel food status

The product is not novel.

##### 3. Food category under which the food falls

The food falls under the category in Article 3(2)(a)(iv) of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 (food from plants or their parts).

##### 4. Justification

The senior German federal-state authorities responsible for food monitoring, the competent authorities of the EU Member States and the European Commission were consulted.

The product in question consists of maize dextrin and the seed coats of chickpeas (testa of *Cicer arietinum* seeds). Maize dextrin is a common food which should be classified as non-novel. The same applies to the edible seed coats of chickpeas which encase the seeds of the chickpea. Both were consumed in the Union to a significant degree before 15 May 1997. The processing steps of boiling, flaking and grinding, and of separation, do not lead, here, to a product with a different novel food status.