

Consultation request for the determination of the novel food status ARTICLE 4 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283

Consultation request to determine the novel food status of *Scenedesmus vacuolatus* (Shihira & Krauss) E.Kessler, M.Schäfer, C.Hümmer, A.Kloboucek & V.Huss 1997.

Recipient Member State: the Czech Republic, Ministry of Agriculture, Food Safety Department

Date: 19/06/2024

Name and description of the novel food:

Dried biomass of unicellular freshwater microalgae of the *Scenedesmus vacuolatus* is in the form of a fine powder which ranges in colour from yellow to beige, light green to dark green (depending on the method of cultivation and the content of chlorophyll and other pigments). Food supplements are in the form of free-flowing dried biomass or further processed into tablets, capsules, etc., either as pure 100% biomass or in combination with other raw materials (e.g. brewer's yeast, chlorella, etc.). In the case of biomass as a raw material, biomass can be added to baked goods, pasta, fillings, beverages.

Novel food status:

Not novel food

Novel food category:

Not applicable

Reason statements:

The competent authorities of the EU Member States and the European Commission were consulted. A history of consumption to a significant degree prior May 1997 has been demonstrated for the microalgae of *Scenedesmus vacuolatus*. Therefore, the microalgae is considered not novel food.