Summary of the dossier

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This is an application for the authorisation of 'sugars obtained from the concentrated pulp juice from *Theobroma cacao* L.' as a novel food to be placed on the EU market under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 on novel foods. The novel food is intended to be used as an ingredient for the general population.

The source material of this novel food is the "cocoa (Theobroma cacao L.) concentrated pulp juice", as authorized by Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/206, and for which no restrictions of use have been set. The novel food is processed in two different ways: either by a drying process, or a purification process. The "sugars from the concentrated pulp juice" are packed in a suitable container and stored in dry conditions for storage and transport.

The application has been compiled in line with the administrative and scientific requirements of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2469 for applications for a novel food in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council. It is also in line with the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) guidance on the preparation and presentation of an application for authorisation of a novel food in the context of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283.

It is concluded that on the basis of the evidence provided, that:

- The uses as proposed in this notification are not likely to have a negative impact on the overall nutritional intake of the population.
- No compounds of concern have been identified and no safety concerns have been observed.

The food can therefore be considered safe for human consumption, there are no indications of precautions or restrictions to be observed.