

Consultation on the determination of the status of a novel food under Article 4 (2) of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283

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

Recipient Member State: Germany

1. Name and description of the food in question

Pelargonium sidoides DC., powdered root

2. Status as a novel food

The product is a novel food.

3. Food category

The food falls within the category referred to in Article 3 (2) (a) (iv) of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 (“Foodstuffs from plants or parts of plants”).

4. Reason

The German federal states’ authorities responsible for food surveillance as well as the competent authorities of the EU Member States and the European Commission were consulted.

There are only indications of a medicinal use of the plant part in question. Such uses cannot be taken into account for a history of consumption as food.

In conclusion, the root of *Pelargonium sidoides* DC. was not used for human consumption as a food to a significant degree within the Union before 15 May 1997.