

Summary of the application: *Schizochytrium* sp. (ATCC PTA 9695) oil

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The novel food application concerns the request for a change in the labelling provisions of *Schizochytrium* sp. (ATCC PTA 9695) oil. The application requested to remove the mandatory inclusion of the strain number “(ATCC PTA 9695)” in the ingredient list of finished foods in which *Schizochytrium* sp. (ATCC PTA 9695) oil is authorised.

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1032 extended the authorisation of oil from the microalgae *Schizochytrium* sp. (T18) as a novel food under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 to fruit/vegetable purees following notifications from three companies. In their notifications, the companies demonstrated that the oil from *Schizochytrium* sp. (T18) is equivalent to “*Schizochytrium* sp. oil” as authorised by Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2014/463 and “*Schizochytrium* sp. (ATCC PTA 9695) oil” authorised by Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/545. While these three oils from *Schizochytrium* sp. are produced by different strains and have different specifications, “*Schizochytrium* sp. (ATCC PTA 9695) oil” is the only one for which the strain number “(ATCC PTA 9695)” must be specified on the label.

The applicant therefore requested the removal of the strain number “(ATCC PTA 9695)” from the labelling requirement for “*Schizochytrium* sp. (ATCC PTA 9695) oil” to align with the two other oils for *Schizochytrium* sp. The designation of the novel food on the labelling of the foodstuffs containing it shall be “Oil from the microalgae *Schizochytrium* sp.”.