



**Application to determine novel food status under Article 4(2) of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2015 concerning novel foods.**

**Receiving Member State: SPANISH FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION AGENCY (AESAN)**

**Name and description of the food:**

The food for which the opinion is requested is stems (known as “palmito” or “chantoduro”) **and fruits** of the plant species *Bactris gasipaes Kunth*

**How the food is intended to be used:** to be consumed as such and preserved.

**Status:** Not novel food

**Category (When applicable):** Not applicable

**Justification:**

The applicant provides evidence of consumption history in the EU before 15 May 1997, by means of documentation of exports to the European Union since 1988.

In addition, France has confirmed that this plant species (*Bactris gasipaes*) is included in its national legislation (CTCPA Palmito 2020) as well as the cultivation of this plant species in French Guyana since 1992.

Likewise, France has confirmed the history of safe and significant consumption of the fruit of *Bactris gasipaes* commonly known as “papérou”.

**Conclusion:**

**The stem and fruit of the plant species *bactris gasipaes* have a history of consumption as food before 15/05/97 in the European Union, therefore not falling within the scope of Regulation 2015/2283 on novel foods.**