

Application for consultation to determine the status of a novel food pursuant to Article 4(2) of the Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2015 on novel foods.

Recipient Member State

Finnish Food Authority

Name and description of the food in question

Hard tissue mass from Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*) or from Rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)

Hard tissue mass is produced from the side-stream material of fish filleting production of Atlantic salmon or rainbow trout. The raw material is typically the fish bones together with fish flesh leftovers together with fins and fish head. The bone content of the hard tissue mass is approximately 70 %. The fish hard tissue mass is not to be eaten as such but is further processed with other traditional ingredients into a softer paste. The content of hard tissue mass in the paste is 70 %. The paste is intended to be used as an ingredient in processed foods.

Status

Not novel.

Food category

Not relevant.

Reasons statement

The competent authorities of the EU Member States and the European Commission were consulted.

Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*) and rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) have been used as food to a significant degree in Europe and have also been used extensively in the production of various fish products for a long time before 1997. For example, fish bones have been used in the production of gelatin, collagen and fish stock. Different fish with bones have also been eaten in various EU Member States as such (e.g. vendace, herring, sardine or mackerel) or as minced to prepare fish loafs or fish balls. In addition, bone powder produced from the bones of Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*) was concluded to be *not novel* by the Norwegian Food Safety Authority. The bone powder, like fish hard tissue mass in question, is produced from the side-stream material of salmon filleting production, which includes the bones of the fish.

Conclusion

Hard tissue mass from Atlantic salmon or from Rainbow trout is not novel.