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**Application for the approval of UV-treated mushrooms with increased vitamin D levels under the novel food Regulation (EC) No. 258/97**

Dear Dr. Valverde,

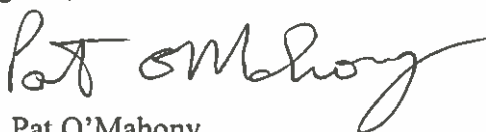
I am contacting you in accordance with *Article 4.2* of the novel food Regulation (EC) No 258/97 (OJ L 43, 14.02.1997, p. 1) regarding the application by Monaghan Middlebrook Mushrooms of Ireland to place UV-treated mushrooms with increased vitamin D levels on the EU market.

- The Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI) accepted a novel food application from Monaghan Middlebrook Mushrooms on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- UV-treated mushrooms are a novel food within the meaning of *Article 1.2.(f)* of Regulation (EC) No 258/97
- The FSAI submitted the initial assessment to the Commission on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- Reasoned objections were not raised by the Commission or Member States within the 60 day comment period
- Comments were provided and clarifications sought by Austria, Finland, Germany, Hungary, the Netherlands and the UK
- The applicant responded to the comments and provided clarifications

As reasoned objections were not raised by Member States or the Commission in accordance with *Article 6.4* of the novel food Regulation, the placing on the EU market of UV-treated mushrooms with increased vitamin D levels is deemed to meet the criteria set out in *Article 3.1* of that Regulation.

This letter gives effect to the approval for Monaghan Middlebrook Mushrooms to place UV-treated mushrooms on the EU market subject to the conditions set out in the Annex. This approval is provided under the novel food Regulation (EC) No 258/97 without prejudice to other EU food legislation that may also apply to the production and marketing of this food. This letter is copied to the Commission for publication and dissemination to Member States.

Regards,



Dr. Pat O'Mahony  
*Chief Specialist, Food Technology*

## ANNEX

### Conditions of approval for the use of UV-treated mushrooms

1. The EU market approval applies to commercially grown *Agaricus bisporus*
2. UV light treatment is applied to harvested mushrooms yielding a vitamin D content of  $\leq 10\mu\text{g}/100\text{g}$  fresh weight
3. In accordance with of Annex VI (Part A, 1) of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011, product labels will indicate that a controlled light treatment was used to increase vitamin D levels