

# ARTICLE 4 REQUEST

## Regulation (EU) 2015/2283

**Consultation request to determine the status of alcohol extract of *Pueraria lobata* (Kudzu) root pursuant to Article 4(2) of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2015 on novel foods**

**Recipient Member State:** Denmark, Danish Veterinary and Food Administration (DVFA).

**Name and description of the novel food:** Alcohol extract of kudzu (*Pueraria lobata* (Willd.) Ohwi) root.

The product is intended to be used as food supplement.

### **Status – Novel food**

#### **Novel food category**

Article 3(2)(a)(iv) “...food consisting of, isolated from or produced from plants or their parts, except when the food has a history of safe food use within the Union and is consisting of, isolated from or produced from a plant or a variety of the same species obtained by:

- *Traditional propagating practices which have been used for food production within the Union before 15 May 1997*”

#### **Reasons statement**

According to the EU novel food catalogue at the time of the request in February 2020 the roots, leaves and flowers of *Pueraria lobata* are not novel in food supplements. However, extracts made from those plant parts may fall under the Novel Food Regulation. The starch from the root of *Pueraria lobata* is not novel in foods.

The request concerns kudzu root extract derived from pure root of *Pueraria lobata* (Willd.) Ohwi. extracted with alcohol. The extract is dried and made into powder.

Based on the evidence provided, it cannot be justified that alcohol extract of kudzu (*Pueraria lobata* (Willd.) Ohwi) root has a history of consumption in the European Union prior to May 15, 1997.

After consulting other Member States, none of these has confirmed a history of consumption of alcohol extract of kudzu (*Pueraria lobata* (Willd.) Ohwi) root prior to May 15, 1997.

#### **Conclusion**

Alcohol extract of kudzu (*Pueraria lobata* (Willd.) Ohwi) root is considered as **novel food**.