

Consultation request for the determination of the novel food status
ARTICLE 4 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283

Consultation request to determine the novel food status of non-isolated fulvic acid.

Recipient Member State: Lithuania, Institute of Hygiene.

Name and description of the food in question:

The request concerns non-isolated fulvic acid for the use in food supplements.

It is a concentrate of fulvic acids non-isolated from other humic substances, in its natural form, as created in nature, extracted from raw material of organic origin using only pure water. No artificially created chemicals are used.

The non-humate plant source used in formulations is harvested, dried and ground to a fine powder that is not chemically processed and contains non-isolated fulvic acid.

Status:

Novel food

Appropriate Novel Food Category in accordance with Article 3(2) of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283:

The food falls under category (iv) (food from plants or their parts) of Article 3(2)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283.

Reasons statement:

The documentation submitted did not provide any evidence that the food in question was used for human consumption to a significant degree within the Union before 15 May 1997. Competent authorities of the EU Member States and the European Commission were consulted. A history of consumption to a significant degree prior May 1997 has not been demonstrated for the non-isolated fulvic acid. Therefore, food or food supplement consisting of non-isolated fulvic acid are considered novel foods.