

Application for determination of novel food status under Article 4(2) of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2015 on novel foods.

Receiving Member State: SPANISH AGENCY FOR FOOD SAFETY AND NUTRITION O.A (AESAN O.A)

Name and description of the food:

The food for which the opinion is sought is a **cell wall component of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*** which is described as a polysaccharide-rich fraction that is part of the yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, namely its cell wall. It is available in powder format.

How the food is intended to be used:

The intended use in the European Union is as a food ingredient in different food categories including food supplements.

Status: Not novel food

Category (where applicable): N/A

Justification:

The ingredient referred to consists of a polysaccharide-rich fraction which is part of the yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, namely its cell wall. It is available in powder format.

As regards the history of safe and significant consumption of the ingredient under consultation, it should be noted that *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* yeast was lawfully found on the Community market before 1997 and was used as a characteristic ingredient in the fermentation of foodstuffs.

The production process consists of a process to obtain a composition rich in polysaccharides extracted from the cell wall of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* from biomass of the by-product resulting from a brewing process, including but not limited to the following steps: alkaline hydrolysis, cooling and centrifugation, pasteurization, standardization, and atomization drying.

The procedure for obtaining the ingredient is not considered to be novel and does not lead to significant changes in the composition or structure of the food affecting its value, nutritional properties, metabolism or level of undesirable substances.

During the procedure the European Commission and Member states were consulted.

Conclusion:

The cell wall component of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* is not a novel food and therefore not fall within the scope of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 on novel foods, *unless it is considered as an additive when used for its technological purposes.*