

Summary of the dossier: Cacao fruit pulp (*Theobroma cacao* L), including the juice made from the cacao fruit pulp.

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This is a notification for the authorisation to place on the EU market the following traditional food from a third country: Cacao fruit pulp (*Theobroma cacao* L), including the juice made from the cacao fruit pulp.

The notification has been compiled in line with the administrative and scientific requirements of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2468 for notifications concerning traditional foods from third countries in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council. It is also in line with the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) guidance on the preparation and presentation of the notification and application for authorisation of traditional foods from third countries in the context of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283.

It is concluded, on the basis of the evidence provided, that:

- Cacao pulp and cacao fruit juice have a history of safe use beyond 25 years in Brazil in a substantial part of the normal population.
- The products have been consumed to a significant extent at domestic level and since its industrial commercialisation since the end of the 1980s by larger fractions of the general population, given its availability in foods (e.g. jelly and ice cream) in retail outlets and supermarkets.
- The cacao juice is particularly rich in sugars, while the overall composition of minerals is in the range of what is normal for fruit juices.
- The uses as proposed in this notification are not likely to have a different impact on the overall nutritional intake of the population than what can be expected for the use of any similar fruit juice.
- No compounds of concern have been identified and no safety concerns or adverse events associated to the use of cacao pulp and juice have been recorded since the foods have been commercialised in Brazil.

The food can therefore be considered to have a safe history of use for at least 25 years as part of the normal diet of the general population in Brazil and meet the requirements for authorisation under the provisions of Section II of Regulation 2015/2283.

It is proposed not to specify conditions of use, since the anticipated uses are not different than that of other fruit juices, in the same way that such conditions of use have not been judged necessary for Baobab pulp authorised as novel food. There are no indications of precautions or restrictions to be observed.