

Application for consultation to determine the status of a novel food, pursuant to Article 4(2) of the Regulation (UE) 2015/2283

Consultation request to determine the novel food status of the "Astragalus membranaceus Fisch. ex Bunge radix extract ratio radix/extract 2:1"

Recipient Member State:

Italian Ministry of Health. Directorate-General for Hygiene, Food Safety and Nutrition.

Validation Date:

12 september 2024

Name and description of the food in question:

The name of the food is "Astragalus membranaceus Fisch. ex Bunge radix extract ratio radix/extract 2:1"

Novel food status:

"Astragalus membranaceus Fisch. ex Bunge radix extract ratio radix/extract 2:1" is considered **not novel in food supplements**

Food category:

The **food** is intended to be used as is, as a dry powder extract, or diluted in water as an ingredient in food supplements

Novel food category under which it falls:

Not applicable

Reasons:

The food "***Astragalus membranaceus* Fisch. ex Bunge radix extract ratio radix/extract 2:1**" in plant-based food products, now classified as food supplements has a significant human consumption within the European Union before May 15, 1997.

To demonstrate the significant consumption before 1997 of the above food, available data has been provided for the Solgar® branded product marketed in Italy since 1993 under the name ASTRAGALI and in other European countries under the name ASTRAGALUS (root) Vegicaps.

The above food is still present in the Solgar branded food supplement marketed in Italy under the name Astragali and, under different names, in the following European countries: Bulgaria, Cyprus, Finland, Greece, the Netherlands, Ireland, Italy, Romania, and Spain.

The Solgar Astragali product has been continuously sold in Italy since 1993.

Therefore, the food "***Astragalus membranaceus* Fisch. ex Bunge radix extract ratio radix/extract 2:1**" should be considered as **not novel in food supplements**.