

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 SUNFLOWER seed oil (creamy)

Recipient Member State: Italian Ministry of Health. Directorate-General for Hygiene, Food Safety and Nutrition.

Validation Date: 1th February 2023

Name and description of the novel food:

The name of the food is sunflower seed oil (creamy).

The sunflower feed oil creamy is the fraction obtained after production of the refined sunflower oil.

Novel food status

Sunflower seed oil (creamy) is considered **novel food**

Food category

Same uses as other edible vegetable oils.

Novel food category under which it falls

“Food resulting from a new production process not used for food production in the Union before 15 May 1997, resulting in significant changes in the composition or structure of the food affecting its nutritional value, metabolism or the level of undesirable substances” [article 3(2)(a)(vii)]

Reasons

This product is obtained during the sunflower oil production as fraction that is usually discarded.

The applicant didn't show any data regarding the HOC of the product as defined in the consultation.

Moreover, the analytical data, comparing the composition of this product with other oils (normally used ad food), showed significant differences in the wax and alkanols contents, which need to be evaluated to guarantee the safety of the product.

Therefore, the sunflower seed oil (creamy) should be considered as novel food.