

Summary of the dossier: Zeaxanthin

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The application for authorisation to modify the labelling provisions for zeaxanthin, by removing the term “synthetic” from the designation of this novel food which was included in the authorising Decision (EU) 2013/49 and subsequently placed in the Union list of Novel Foods (Regulation (EU) 2017/2470). This form of zeaxanthin is produced synthetically just as are many other food ingredients or novel foods. However, zeaxanthin is the only synthetically produced novel food for which the term ‘synthetic’ is required in its designation due to the fact that the term ‘synthetic’ was included in the authorising Decision. To ensure consistency with other novel foods produced by chemical synthesis for which the labelling ‘synthetic’ is not required and a level playing field among economic operators, the application requests that the term ‘synthetic’ is removed from the designation of the authorised zeaxanthin entry in the Union list of Novel Foods. Thus the zeaxanthin entry should read: “The designation of the novel food on the labelling of the foodstuffs containing it shall be ‘zeaxanthin’. The application is not accompanied by any safety data as nothing has changed in the safety profile of zeaxanthin which is already authorised by Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2013/49.