

Consultation on the determination of the status of a novel food under Article 4 (2) of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283

Information according to Article 7 of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/456

Recipient Member State: Germany

1. Name and description of the food in question

Sourdough bread

The sourdough, which is used as an ingredient alongside flour made from common bread cereals, is produced in the traditional way and contains only naturally occurring microorganisms. No isolated or specially produced microorganisms are added.

2. Status as a novel food

The product is not a novel food.

3. Food category

irrelevant

4. Reason

The German federal states' authorities responsible for food surveillance as well as the competent authorities of the EU Member States and the European Commission were consulted.

Sourdough bread produced in the traditional way, containing only microorganisms naturally present and to which no isolated or specially produced microorganisms are added, is a traditional food which was used for human consumption to a significant degree in the EU before 15 May 1997.