

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

Recipient Member State

France, Ministry of Agriculture and food sovereignty, General Directorate for Food (DGAL)

Name and description of the food in question

The request concerns a protein isolate from sunflower seeds (*Helianthus annuus*).

After the extraction of the oil, the remaining sunflower meal requires, to be used as food, some further processing : proteins are extracted and concentrated to yield the final product that contains approximatively 86% of protein.

Novel Food Status

Novel Food

Food category

Category : Art. 3(2) (a) (iv)

Reasons statement

Competent authorities of the EU Member States and the European Commission were consulted. Based on the submitted information and this consultation, a history of consumption to a significant degree prior May 1997 has not been demonstrated for sunflower protein isolate.

Therefore, protein isolate from sunflower seeds (*Helianthus annuus*) is considered novel food.

Date

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