

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

Sour cherry seeds (*Prunus cerasus* L.)

The request relates to the possible use of the seeds of the sour cherry (*Prunus cerasus* L.) as an ingredient in milk alternatives and confectionery after suitable processing steps. This does not involve the separated fatty oil from the kernels, but products made from the whole seeds.

2. Status as a novel food

The product is not novel only in food supplements (“not NFS”).

3. Food category

The food falls under the category referred to in Article 3(2) (a) (iv) of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 (‘food derived from plants or parts of plants’).

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.

While sour cherry (*Prunus cerasus* L.) seeds have been used in food supplements in the past, there is no information that the product in question was used for human consumption to a significant degree in the Union before 15 May 1997.