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Dear Sylvie,

In February of 2011 the UCIB-SOLABIA Group submitted an application to the Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI) to place zinc L-pidolate on the EU market as a novel food ingredient. In March 2011 the FSAI submitted a safety assessment report to the EU Commission concluding that zinc L-pidolate and the proposed conditions of use met the criteria set out in *Article 3.1* of the novel food Regulation (EC No. 258/97) and was safe to place on the market. Member States did not raise any reasoned objections to the FSAI initial assessment or conclusions during the subsequent 60 day comment period.

Therefore, I am pleased to inform you that provided the production and purity criteria outlined in the application are maintained, zinc L-pidolate produced by UCIB-SOLABIA Group and its proposed use, as reviewed by EFSA, meets the criteria set out in *Article 3.1* of the novel food Regulation (EC No. 258/97). As the novel ingredient is intended for use in PARNUTS, it may be necessary to liaise further with the EU Commission to ensure that any requirements specific to PARNUTS legislation are met. I am copying Mr. Andreas Klepsch of the EU Commission on this letter for information.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Regards,

Pat O'Mahony

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat O'Mahony". The signature is written in a cursive style with a loop at the end of the last name.

Dr. Patrick O'Mahony
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