

Applications helpdesk – Novel foods application procedure as of 1 January 2018

Authorisation and use of novel foods and food ingredients have been harmonised in the European Union since 1997 when Regulation EC 258/1997 on novel foods and novel food ingredients was adopted. In 2013, the Commission presented a proposal for a new regulation on the matter. The co-legislators the European Parliament and the Council have reached an agreement with the new Regulation EU 2015/2283. An applicant who intends to place on the EU market a novel food should submit an application to the European Commission that, after having verified its validity, will make it available to the Member States and mandate EFSA for a scientific assessment (Article 10). The Authority shall adopt its opinion within nine months from the date of receipt of a valid application from the EC. Such procedure shall apply as of 1 January 2018.

Regulation EU 2015/2283

