Latest novel food authorisations – January 2025

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Commission Implementing Regulation 2025/89 authorising the placing on the market of UV-treated powder of whole Tenebrio molitor larvae (yellow mealworm) as a novel food

Commission Implementing Regulation 2025/97 as regards the conditions of use and the specifications of the novel food isomalto-oligosaccharide

Commission Implementing Regulation 2025/153 authorising the placing on the market of Lemna minor and Lemna gibba plants as novel food

What is changing and why?

The European Union (EU) has authorised UV-treated power obtained from whole *Tenebrio molitor* larvae, and *Lemna minor* and *Lemna gibba* plants, to be placed in the market. They will be added to the Union list of novel foods.

The EU has also extended the permitted uses of isomalto-oligosaccharide (IMO) to include other food categories. Detailed conditions of use for these novel foods are given in the Annexes to the respective Regulations.

The European Food Safety Authority has evaluated and confirmed the safety of these novel foods under the specified conditions.

Timeline

These novel foods may be placed on the market from the following dates:

- UV-treated powder obtained from whole Tenebrio molitor larvae: 10 February 2025
- Lemna minor and Lemna gibba plants: 19 February 2025
- IMO for all newly authorised uses: 19 February 2025.

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