Latest novel food authorisations – June 2024

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EU authorises isomaltulose powder as a novel food

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/1611 of 6 June 2024 authorising the placing on the market of isomaltulose powder as a novel food and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470

Update

The EU has authorised the marketing of isomaltulose powder as a novel food that can be used as a replacement for sucrose in foods intended for the general population.

Impacted products

All foods, excluding foods and drinks intended specifically for infants and young children

What is changing?

The EU has authorised the marketing of isomaltulose powder as a novel food that can be used as a replacement for sucrose in all foods intended for the general population, excluding infant formula and follow-on formula, processed cereal-based food, and baby food.

The novel ingredient should be indicated as “isomaltulose powder” on food labelling accompanied by “isomaltulose is a source of glucose and fructose”.

Detailed specifications for the ingredient (chemical identity, heavy metal limits, microbiological criteria) are set out in the Annex to the Regulation.

This novel food will be included in the Union list of novel foods (Regulation (EU) 2017/2470).

Why?

The European Food Safety Authority has concluded that the novel food is safe under the applicants’ proposed conditions of use (EFSA 2023).

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Timeline

The novel foods may be placed on the market from **26 June 2024**.

Background

Only novel foods authorised and included in the Union list of novel foods may be placed on the market within the EU (Regulation 2015/2283).

In 2018, Evonik Operations GmbH submitted an application to the Commission in accordance with Article 10(1) of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 to place isomaltulose powder on the EU market as a novel food.

For further information on the EU authorisation process, see Novel foods explained.

Resources

EFSA (2024) Safety of isomaltulose syrup (dried) as a novel food pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2015/2283. EFSA Journal, 22(1): e8491.

Sources

Regulation (EU) 2024/1611 of 6 June 2024 authorising the placing on the market of isomaltulose powder as a novel food

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