Novel food: bovine milk beta-lactoglobulin

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European Commission authorises bovine milk beta-lactoglobulin as a novel food

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/2534 of 21 December 2022 authorising the placing on the market of bovine milk beta-lactoglobulin (β-lactoglobulin) as a novel food and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470

Update

The European Commission has authorised bovine milk beta-lactoglobulin (β-lactoglobulin) as a novel food.

Impacted products

exercise drinks, whey powder, milk-based drinks, foods for special medical purposes

What is changing?

The EU has authorised that bovine milk β-lactoglobulin may be placed on the EU market as a novel food. The food can be used in soft drinks marketed in relation to physical exercise, whey powder, milk-based drinks and similar products, and in foods for special medical purposes. Details on the permitted use are set out in the Annex to the Regulation.

Only the company that applied for the authorisation, Arla Foods Ingredients Group P/S, is authorised to place the novel food on the EU market for a period of 5 years, unless another company obtains a novel food authorisation for β-lactoglobulin (without reference to scientific data protected by Arla Foods Ingredients Group) or with the agreement of Arla Foods Ingredients Group.

Timeline

The 5-year period of exclusive rights of Arla Foods Ingredients Group to put this novel food on the market ends on 11 January 2028.

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Background

This Regulation updates the Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470 which lists authorised novel foods (see the Union list of novel foods).

Resources

Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 on novel foods

Sources

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/2534

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470 (Union list of novel foods)

Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 on novel foods

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