Novel food: cellobiose

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European Commission authorises cellobiose as a novel food

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/943 of 11 May 2023 authorising the placing on the market of cellobiose as a novel food and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470

Update

The European Commission has authorised cellobiose as a novel food that may be placed on the EU market in a number of foods, including food supplements.

Impacted products

food supplements, prepared meats, sausages, meat-based products, liver-based products, savoury sauce dry preparation, sweeteners

What is changing?

The EU has authorised cellobiose as a novel food that may be placed on the EU market in a number of foods. These include food supplements as defined in Directive 2002/46/EC, but not those permitted for use by infants and young children. Details on the permitted use are set out in the Annex to the Regulation.

Only the company that applied for the authorisation, SAVANNA Ingredients GmbH, is authorised to place this novel food on the EU market for a period of 5 years, unless another company obtains a novel food authorisation for cellobiose (without reference to scientific data protected by SAVANNA Ingredients GmbH) or with the agreement of SAVANNA Ingredients GmbH.

Timeline

The 5-year period of exclusive rights of SAVANNA Ingredients GmbH to put this novel food on the market ends 1 June 2028.

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Background

This Regulation updates the Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470 which lists authorised novel foods. For further information on the novel food authorisation procedure see Novel foods explained.

Resources

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Sources

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/943 authorising the placing on the market of cellobiose as a novel food

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

Regulation (EU) 2015/2283

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