Novel food: hydrolysed protein from spent barley/rice

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EU authorises the marketing of partially hydrolysed protein from spent barley and rice

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/2851 of 20 December 2023 authorising the placing on the market of partially hydrolysed protein from spent barley (*Hordeum vulgare*) and rice (*Oryza sativa*) as a novel food and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470

Update

The EU has authorised partially hydrolysed protein from spent barley and rice to be marketed in the EU as a novel food.

Impacted products

Cereal products, confectionery, chocolate, nut/seed pastes, pasta, rice, soups, sauces, butter, margarine/oil blends, milk, cream, cheese, yoghurt (non-soy) analogues, energy drinks, soft drinks, fruit/ vegetable juices, alcohol-free beer, hummus, meal replacements for weight control, powdered drink bases

What is changing?

The EU has authorised the marketing in the EU of partially hydrolysed protein from spent barley and rice as a novel food. It can be used in a range of foods including cereal products, confectionery and snacks, meals and dishes, dairy products, and beverages.

Only the company that applied for the authorisation, Evergrain LLC, is authorised to sell this novel food on the EU market over the next 5 years, unless Evergrain authorises its sale by another company, or if another company obtains a novel food authorisation for this form of hydrolysed protein without reference to scientific data provided by Evergrain.

Why?

The EU approval follows a novel food application by Evergrain LLC. The approval was based on an European Food Safety Authority evaluation (EFSA 2023) which concluded that the product is safe under the proposed conditions of use.

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Timeline

The 5-year period of Evergrain's exclusive right to put this novel food on the market begins on 10 January 2024.

Background

This Regulation updates the Annex to Regulation (EU) 2017/2470 which lists authorised novel foods (see the Union list of novel foods). For further information on the EU novel foods authorisation process, see Novel foods explained.

Resources

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

EFSA (2023) Safety of partially hydrolysed protein from spent barley (*Hordeum vulgare*) and rice (*Oryza sativa*) as a novel food pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2015/2283. EFSA Journal 21(9): 8064.

Sources

Regulation (EU) 2023/2851 authorising the placing on the market of partially hydrolysed protein from spent barley (*Hordeum vulgare*) and rice (*Oryza sativa*) as a novel food

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