Novel food: partially defatted rapeseed powder

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EU approves changes to specifications of partially defatted rapeseed powder from Brassica rapa and Brassica napus

Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/682 of 8 April 2025 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470 as regards the specifications of the novel food partially defatted rapeseed powder from Brassica rapa L. and Brassica napus L.

Update

Partially defatted rapeseed powder from *Brassica rapa* and *Brassica napus* has been authorised as a novel food since 2021. This new Regulation authorises a wider definition of its characteristics that allows for fluctuations in yield and production and processing methods. The changed specifications concern the levels of proteins, lipids, total carbohydrates, total fibre, moisture, and ash in partially defatted rapeseed powder, but do not affect the safety of this novel food.

Impacted products

Rapeseed powder

What is changing?

In 2021 the European Union (EU) authorised partially defatted rapeseed powder from *Brassica rapa* and *Brassica napus* as a novel food (Regulation 2021/120). The EU has now approved a request to update the specifications for this novel food.

These changes include:

- a lower level of protein, decreased from 33 to 28%
- a lower level of lipids, decreased from 14 to 10%
- maximum level of moisture increased from <7 to <11%
- levels of total carbohydrates, total fibre, moisture, and ash in the final powder increased.

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Why?

The request by Ferm Food ApS to change the levels of proteins, lipids, total carbohydrates, total fibre, moisture, and ash does not affect the safety of this novel food as assessed by the European Food Safety Authority, and does not alter EFSA's conclusions that supported the initial authorisation. Widening the definition of the characteristics of this novel food allows for fluctuations in yield and production and processing methods. The new Regulation permits the use of *B. rapa* and *B. napus* from both winter and spring harvests, increasing the supply of raw materials and the potential production of partially defatted rapeseed powder.

Timeline

The revised specifications apply from **29 April 2025**.

Background

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

Resources

EFSA (2020) Safety of rapeseed powder from *Brassica rapa* L. and *Brassica napus* L. as a novel food pursuant to Regulation (EC) 2015/2283. EFSA Journal, 18(7): 6197.

Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/120 authorising the placing on the market of partially defatted rapeseed powder from Brassica rapa L. and Brassica napus L. as a novel food

Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470 of 20 December 2017 establishing the Union list of novel foods

Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 on novel foods

Sources

Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/682 as regards the specifications of the novel food partially defatted rapeseed powder from Brassica rapa L. and Brassica napus L.

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