Novel foods: Status of certain algae species

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EU Novel Food Status Catalogue

What is changing and why?

Over 20 algae species have been added to the EU Novel Food Status Catalogue as "non-novel foods". This means that they may be sold on the EU market either as food, or specifically in food supplements, without requiring pre-market authorisation. Given the cost of authorisation, clarity on the legal status of these species should help the development of the sector.

Timeline

The EU Novel Food Status Catalogue is updated on a regular basis.

For more information see the full record on the AGRINFO website – where you can also view the latest AGRINFO Update newsletters and search the database.

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