Traditional food: Infusion from leaves of Coffea arabica and/or C. canephora

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EU extends authorised uses of infusion from coffee leaves

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/931 of 8 May 2023 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470 as regards the conditions of use of the traditional food from a third country infusion from coffee leaves of *Coffea arabica* L. and/or *Coffea canephora* Pierre ex A. Froehner

Update

The EU has extended its authorisation of infusion from coffee leaves to flavoured and unflavoured non-alcoholic ready-to-drink beverages and coffee; coffee and chicory extracts; instant coffee; tea; herbal and fruit infusions; coffee substitutes; coffee mixes and instant mixes for beverages.

Impacted products

coffee leaves

What is changing?

The leaves of *Coffea arabica* and/or *C. canephora* are already authorised as a traditional food for use in herbal infusions.

The European Commission has now extended the authorisation to allow their use in flavoured and unflavoured non-alcoholic ready-to-drink beverages and coffee; coffee and chicory extracts; instant coffee; tea; herbal and fruit infusions; coffee substitutes; coffee mixes and instant mixes for beverages. Table 1 (Authorised novel foods) of the Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470 will be updated accordingly.

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Why?

The Commission considers that the proposed uses are comparable to current uses already established by EFSA to be safe. A further evaluation was not considered necessary.

Timeline

Date of effect: 30 May 2023.

Recommended Actions

Coffee leaves of *C. arabica* and/or *C. canephora* are now authorised for use on the EU market in the beverage products listed above.

Products containing these leaves must be labelled “Infusion from coffee leaves” or “Dried infusion from coffee leaves”.

Background

The EU maintains a Union list of novel foods (including traditional foods) that have been evaluated and may be placed on the EU market (set out in Regulation 2017/2470).

Resources

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

Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 on novel foods

Sources

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/931

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