



Classification of fruit pulp (without peel and seeds) of *Myrciaria dubia* (Kunth) McVaugh («camu camu») as a novel food

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The Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office (FSVO) has received an application for the authorisation of a fruit pulp (without peel and seeds) of *Myrciaria dubia* (Kunth) McVaugh (also known as «camu camu») from Peru as a novel traditional food.

The plant *Myrciaria dubia* (Kunth) McVaugh is native to the Amazon basin, in particular to Peru, Brazil, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana and Bolivia. *Myrciaria dubia* (Kunth) McVaugh belongs to the order *Myrtales* in the family *Myrtaceae* (myrtles). The fresh or deep-frozen fruit pulp of this plant without peel, seeds and additions is used for human consumption.

The FSVO examined the submitted documents and established the novel food status of the fruit pulp of *Myrciaria dubia* (Kunth) McVaugh («camu camu»).

The fruit pulp of *Myrciaria dubia* (Kunth) McVaugh («camu camu») is not used for human consumption to a significant degree in either Switzerland or an EU Member State before 15 May 1997 other than as, or in, food supplements and, in accordance with Article 15 para. 1 of the Ordinance on Foodstuffs and Utility Articles (FUAO; SR 817.02), therefore fall within the definition of a novel food, and in particular within the category

“foodstuffs manufactured from or with or isolated from plants or parts of plants” (Art. 15 para. 1 let. d FUAO)

The fruit pulp of *Myrciaria dubia* (Kunth) McVaugh («camu camu») is therefore subject to the authorisation requirement for novel foods under Article 17 FUAO, except for/in food supplements.

