



# Classification of *the fruit of Terminalia ferdinandiana* Exell («Kakadu pulm») as a novel food

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The Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office (FSVO) has received an application for the authorisation of the fruit of *Terminalia ferdinandiana* Exell (also known as «Kakadu pulm») from Australia as a novel traditional food.

The Kakadu pulm (*Terminalia ferdinandiana* Exell) is native to *Australia*. *Terminalia ferdinandiana* Exell belongs to the order *Myrtales* in the family *Combretaceae*. The fresh pulp without peel and seed is used in small amounts for human consumption from the Aborigines.

The FSVO examined the submitted documents and established the novel food status of the fruit of *Terminalia ferdinandiana* Exell (also known as «Kakadu pulm»).

The fruit of *Terminalia ferdinandiana* Exell (also known as «Kakadu pulm») is not used for human consumption to a significant degree in either Switzerland or an EU Member State before 15 May 1997 and fall under the definition of a novel food under Article 15 paragraph 1 of the Ordinance on Foodstuffs and Utility Articles (FUAO; SR 817.02), and in particular within the category

“Foodstuffs consisting of, isolated from or produced from plants or their parts” (Art. 15 para.1 let. d FUAO)

The fruit pulp of *Terminalia ferdinandiana* Exell (also known as «Kakadu pulm») is therefore subject to the authorisation requirement for novel foods under Article 17 FUAO.

