



Classification of Lilly Bulbs (*Lilium davidii*) as a novel traditional food

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Documentation for the classification of the novel food status of *Lilium davidii* (Lilly Bulbs) as a novel traditional food has been submitted to the Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office FSVO.

This concerns the bulb of the plant *L. davidii* that is grown and consumed in China. *Lilium davidii* belongs to the Order *Liliales* in the Family *Liliaceae*. The main varieties that are grown for human consumption are *Lilium davidii* var *unicolor* and *Lilium davidii* var *davidii*.

The applicant provided evidence of the safe consumption as a food in a third country (China) for at least the last 25 years. The lilly is consumed in various forms: fresh, as a bulb, dried individual flakes of the bulb or powder from the dried bulbs.

On the basis of the information submitted by the applicant the FSVO judges that *L. davidii* falls under the definition of novel traditional foods as stated in Article 15 paragraph 1 letter k of the Ordinance on Foodstuffs and Utility Articles (FUAO; SR 817.02):

“Foodstuffs considered to be novel in Switzerland or in a Member State of the EU according to letters b and d-f, that are derived from primary production according to Article 8 FoodA and have a history of safe use as a food in a country other than Switzerland or a Member State of the EU (novel traditional foodstuff).”

It is therefore subject to the authorisation according to Article 4 of the Ordinance on Novel Foods (SR 817.022.2).