



Classification of cultivated “Petit Steak” from cell culture of *Bos taurus* (Angus) as a novel food

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An application was submitted to the Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office FSVO for classification of cultivated “Petit Steak” from cell culture of *Bos taurus* (Angus) as a novel food.

The food in question is a cultivated cell mass derived from genetically unmodified cells of the Aberdeen Angus cattle breed and has a minimum protein content of 12%. This cell mass is then further cultivated on a plant protein matrix to produce a fibrous structure.

The FSVO has examined the documents submitted and has determined the novel food status of cultivated “Petit Steak” from cell culture of *Bos taurus* (Angus). The documents show that this food was not used for human consumption to a significant degree in either Switzerland or an EU Member State before 15 May 1997 and, in accordance with Article 15 para. 1 of the Ordinance on Foodstuffs and Utility Articles (FUAO; SR 817.02), therefore falls within the definition of a novel food, and in particular within the category:

“Foodstuff consisting of, isolated from or produced from cell or tissue cultures obtained from animals, plants, microorganisms, fungi or algae” (Art. 15 para.1 let. f FUAO).

Cultivated “Petit Steak” from cell culture of *Bos taurus* (Angus) is therefore subject to the authorisation requirement for novel foods under Article 17 FUAO.

