

EVALUATION OF THE NOVEL FOOD STATUS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF SELF-SUPERVISION

As part of self-monitoring (in accordance with Art. 26 FSA), food manufacturers must determine the Novel Food status themselves and **document** this.
The following two steps can be followed for this purpose:

Information sheet 1 for the evaluation of Novel Food Status within the framework of self-supervision

1. Is information regarding NF Status already known?

- Is it food?
- Does it fall under the exceptions for Novel Foods (flavourings, additives, enzymes, GMOs)?

Has the food:

- already been approved as a Novel Food in the EU or Switzerland?
- already listed in the EU Novel Food Catalogue?
- already classified by an EU Member State or the FSVO?
- listed in the plant, mushroom or algae list of Germany? If so, is information regarding the Novel Food Status available?

2. If no information on the NF status is available, then the NF status must be determined yourself, based on:

- Comprehensive distribution or sales information
- Information on import/export, old authorizations
- Listings in catalogues, recipes, etc.
- Expert knowledge (witnesses, etc.)
- ...

Result of self-supervision's steps 1 and 2:

- (a) Novel Food NF
- (b) Traditional Novel Food tNF
- (c) Not a Novel Food

If a) or b)

If c)

Self-supervision fulfilled.

If no information could be found on significant consumption of the foodstuff in the EU or Switzerland prior to 15 May 1997, there is a strong suspicion that it is a Novel Food.

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

AUTHORIZATION PROCEDURE

ASSESSMENT OF NOVEL FOOD STATUS

FOOD SAFETY ASSESSMENT

For more complex applications, applicants can contact the [FSVO](#) to discuss the authorisation procedure before submitting the application.

Complete, sign and submit the application form

Information sheet 2 on how to correctly complete the application form for authorisation of NF and tNF

1. Confirmation of receipt
2. Completeness check
3. Material review
4. Feedback to applicant
5. Decision on Novel Food Status
(≠ authorisation of the Novel Food):
 - a. Novel Food NF
 - b. Traditional Novel Food tNF
 - c. Not a Novel Food

If a) or b)

Decision on whether to continue with the authorisation procedure (food safety assessment)

If yes

Conclusion of the procedure by the FSVO (decision)

If no

APPLICANT

FSVO

Subject to a fee

Complete and sign the Addendum to the application form and submit it together with the "technical dossier"

Information sheet 3 on the correct preparation of the technical dossier for the authorisation of NF

Information sheet 4 on the correct preparation of the technical dossier for the authorisation of tNF

1. Confirmation of receipt
2. Formal completeness check
3. Feedback to applicant
4. Substantive completeness check
5. Feedback to applicant
6. Substantive review
7. Decision on approval of the Novel Food:
 - a. Grant authorisation
 - b. Do not grant authorisation

Completion of the procedure by the FSVO (decision)

APPLICANT

FSVO

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