European Food Safety Authority

Colloquium: *What's new on Novel Foods*

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Novel Foods

...food (ingredients) which have not been used for human consumption to a significant degree within the EU before 15 May 1997 - Regulation (EC) Nº 258/97)

Data Requirements

I	Specification of the NF
II	Effect of the production process
III	History of the organism used as the source of the NF
IV	Anticipated intake/extent of use of the NF
V	Previous human exposure to the NF or its source
VI	Nutritional information
VII	Microbiological information
VIII	Toxicological information

Draft Revision of Novel Foods Regulation

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- Notification process for traditional food from 3rd countries with a "history of (safe) use"

➢ turning the burden of proof around: *EFSA & MS to find the evidence that the food might not safe*

- Emerging future technologies (nanotechnology)

- Updated technical guidance and tools for preparing and submitting application

Objectives of the Colloquium

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- To bring together international experts and interested parties from different sectors for an open scientific debate on key issues of the Novel Foods Regulation that will serve as input for the preparation of an updated Guidance for applicants.

- Discussions will focus on various aspects in the safety assessment of Novel Foods such as history of (safe) use, traditional foods from countries outside the EU, intake assessment, toxicological data requirements and emerging sciences such as nanotechnology.

Programme

- EFSA's current Role on Novel Foods
- Status of the Revision of the Novel Food Regulation
- Current Scientific Committee on Food (SCF) Guidance on Novel Foods
- Industry perspectives
- Potential 'new area' such as Nanotechnology

Break out groups

- History of (safe) use and traditional foods from non-EU-countries
- Data requirements and approaches for anticipated intake
- Key issues in absorption, distribution, metabolism, and excretion studies, toxicology and allergenicity
- Data requirements to demonstrate safety of foods derived by nanotechnology

Input for the preparation of an updated Guidance for applicants