

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NOVEL FOODS AND PROCESSES

BETA-GLUCAN RICH EXTRACT FROM *Lentinus edodes*

Issue

Members are invited to consider a draft opinion on the application for authorisation of a beta-glucan rich extract from *Lentinus edodes* before it is issued for public comment.

Background

1. This application has been reviewed by the Committee on a number of occasions. At the July 2008 meeting, the Committee accepted that there was little likelihood that the fermentation conditions employed would give rise to the production of secondary metabolites and in view of this Members agreed that there was no requirement for the applicant to carry out additional safety studies.
2. The Secretariat has drafted an opinion incorporating the points raised by the Committee regarding this application. (**Annex 1**).

Committee Action Required

3. The Committee is asked to consider the text of the draft opinion and identify any amendments that should be made.
4. Once finalised, the draft opinion will be published via the Agency's web-site for the usual 10-day public consultation. After the Committee has considered any comments that are received and its opinion is finalised, the final opinion will be forwarded to the Commission.

**Secretariat
September 2008**

Annex attached

Draft opinion (Restricted)