

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NOVEL FOODS AND PROCESSES

PHOSPHATE DISTARCH PHOSPHATE

Issue

The Committee is invited to consider whether the response provided by the applicant addresses the concerns raised at the November meeting and to consider the text of a draft opinion on this application.

Background

1. The Committee considered this application from MGP Ingredients at the last meeting (ACNFP/95/3) and expressed concern that the applicant had not provided data demonstrating that the ingredient, which is to be marketed in two slightly different forms, would remain stable for duration of its shelf-life. Members also requested that the intake assessment be revised to take account of intake of the novel ingredient from all sources. The Secretariat contacted the applicant regarding these issues (letter attached at **Annex 1**).
2. The applicant has provided additional **stability data** showing that the two forms of the novel ingredient remained stable for at least the duration of the 12 month shelf life. These data which are attached at **Annex 2**, show that in terms of moisture content and total dietary fibre, one form remained stable for up to four years, whilst the second remained stable for at least 12 months. In both cases the products were subjected to relatively high temperatures and humidity levels for the duration of the testing period.
3. Concerning **intake estimates**, the applicant has indicated that they now intend to modify the proposed food categories and level of incorporation to replicate those proposed by a previous applicant who received a positive opinion from the UK for a similar form of phosphate distarch phosphate. By adopting this approach the applicant points out that the intake assessment carried out by the previous applicant applies also applies to their ingredient.
4. The Secretariat has received four responses during the 21 day consultation period on the application dossier. These are attached at **Annex 3** and Members are asked for any comments that they may have.
5. The Secretariat has also drafted an opinion for the Committee to consider and this is attached at **Annex 4**.

Committee Action Required

6. The Committee is asked whether the response from the applicant provides sufficient reassurance that the product remains stable for the duration of its shelf life. If not, the Committee is asked what additional information is required.
7. The Committee is also asked for any comments that they may have on the responses that were received during the public consultation.

8. The Committee is also asked to consider the text of the draft opinion and suggest any amendments.
9. 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
January 2010**

Annexes

Annex 1	Letter to applicant detailing Committee concerns
Annex 2	Additional information regarding stability of the novel ingredient
Annex 3	Comments received during the 21 day public consultation
Annex 4	Draft initial opinion (PROTECT - DRAFT)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NOVEL FOODS AND PROCESSES

Letter to applicant detailing Committee concerns

**Secretariat
January 2010**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NOVEL FOODS AND PROCESSES

Additional information regarding stability of the novel ingredient

**Secretariat
January 2010**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NOVEL FOODS AND PROCESSES

Draft Initial Opinion

PROTECT – DRAFT

**Secretariat
January 10**

