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Novel Foods: Human Consumption to a Significant Degree

Draft decision tree

1. Is the product characterised in sufficient detail? (origin, processing, composition, etc.)

NO → OUTCOME: Gather more detailed information on the product

YES ↓

2. Does the available information on previous human consumption concern the identical product?

NO → OUTCOME: Based on the available information, human consumption to a significant degree has not been established

YES ↓

3. Did the previous human consumption take place before 15 May 1997, and within the present EU?

NO → OUTCOME: Based on the available information, human consumption to a significant degree has not been established

YES ↓

4. Was the product consumed by similar subgroups within the EU population before 15 May 1997?

NO → OUTCOME: Based on the available information, human consumption to a significant degree has not been established

YES ↓

5. Was the product consumed by similar numbers of individuals in the EU before 15 May 1997?

NO → OUTCOME: Based on the available information, human consumption to a significant degree has not been established

YES ↓

6. Was the product consumed in similar amounts by individual users in the EU before 15 May 1997?

NO → OUTCOME: Based on the available information, human consumption to a significant degree has not been established

YES ↓

OUTCOME: If documented properly, the available information indicates that the product has been consumed to a significant degree within the EU before 15 May 1997.