

COMMISSION DECISION

of 27 June 2008

authorising the placing on the market of *allanblackia* seed oil as novel food ingredient under Regulation (EC) No 258/97 of the European Parliament and of the Council

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(Only the German text is authentic)

(2008/559/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 258/97 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 January 1997 concerning novel foods and novel food ingredients⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 7 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) On 19 August 2004 the company Unilever Deutschland GmbH made a request to the competent authorities of Germany to place *allanblackia* seed oil for use in yellow fat and cream based spreads on the market as a novel food ingredient.
- (2) On 3 April 2006 the competent food assessment body of Germany issued its initial assessment report. In that report it came to the conclusion that *allanblackia* seed oil is safe for human consumption.
- (3) The Commission forwarded the initial assessment report to all Member States on 8 June 2006.
- (4) Within the 60-day period laid down in Article 6(4) of Regulation (EC) No 258/97 reasoned objections to the marketing of the product were raised in accordance with that provision.
- (5) Therefore the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) was consulted on 7 February 2007.
- (6) On 25 October 2007 EFSA adopted the 'Opinion of the Scientific Panel on dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies on a request from the Commission related to the safety of *allanblackia* seed oil for use in yellow fat and cream based spreads'.

(7) In the opinion the panel came to the conclusion that refined *allanblackia* seed oil is safe for human consumption under the specified conditions of use.

(8) On the basis of the scientific assessment, it is established that refined *allanblackia* seed oil complies with the criteria laid down in Article 3(1) of Regulation (EC) No 258/97.

(9) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Refined *allanblackia* seed oil as specified in the Annex may be placed on the market in the Community as a novel food ingredient for use in yellow fat spreads and cream based spreads.

Article 2

The designation of the novel food ingredient authorised by this Decision on the labelling of the foodstuff containing it shall be 'allanblackia seed oil'.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to Unilever Deutschland GmbH, Dammtorwall 15, D-20355 Hamburg.

Done at Brussels, 27 June 2008.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 43, 14.2.1997, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1882/2003 (OJ L 284, 31.10.2003, p. 1).

ANNEX

Specifications of refined *allanblackia* seed oil**Description**

Allanblackia seed oil is obtained from the seeds of the *allanblackia* species: *A. floribunda* (synonymous with *A. parviflora*) and *A. stuhlmannii*.

Composition of fatty acids

Lauric acid (C12:0)	< 1 %
Myristic acid (C14:0)	< 1 %
Palmitic acid (C16:0)	< 2 %
Palmitoleic acid (C16:1)	< 1 %
Stearic acid (C18:0)	45-58 %
Oleic acid (C18:1)	40-51 %
Linoleic acid (C18:2)	< 1 %
γ -Linolenic acid (C18:3)	< 1 %
Arachidic acid (C20:0)	< 1 %
Free fatty acids	max. 0,1 %

Characteristics

Trans fatty acids	max. 0,5 %
Peroxide value	max. 0,8 meq/kg
Iodine value	< 46 g/100 g
Unsaponifiable matter	max. 0,1 %
Saponification value	185-198 mg KOH/g
