

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2018/2017**of 18 December 2018****authorising the placing on the market of syrup from *Sorghum bicolor* (L.) Moench as a traditional food from a third country under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470****(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2015 on novel foods, amending Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Regulation (EC) No 258/97 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1852/2001 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 15(4) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 provides that only novel foods authorised and included in the Union list may be placed on the market within the Union. Traditional food from a third country is a novel food defined in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283, the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470 ⁽²⁾ establishing a Union list of authorised novel foods was adopted.
- (3) Pursuant to Article 15(4) of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283, the Commission is to decide on the authorisation and on the placing on the Union market of a traditional food from a third country. On 5 April 2018, the company Sorghum Zrt. ('the applicant') submitted a notification to the Commission of the intention to place syrup from *Sorghum bicolor* (L.) Moench on the Union market as a traditional food from a third country within the meaning of Article 14 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283. The applicant requests for the authorisation for syrup from *Sorghum bicolor* (L.) Moench to be consumed as such or to be used as a food ingredient by the general population.
- (4) The documented data, presented by the applicant, demonstrate that syrup from *Sorghum bicolor* (L.) Moench have a history of safe food use in the United States.
- (5) Pursuant to Article 15(1) of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283, on 30 April 2018, the Commission forwarded the valid notification to the Member States and to the European Food Safety Authority ('the Authority').
- (6) No duly reasoned safety objections to the placing on the market within the Union of syrup from *Sorghum bicolor* (L.) Moench were submitted to the Commission by Member States or the Authority within the four-month period laid down in Article 15(2) of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283.
- (7) The Commission should therefore authorise the placing on the market within the Union of syrup from *Sorghum bicolor* (L.) Moench and update the Union list of novel foods.
- (8) Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. Syrup from *Sorghum bicolor* (L.) Moench as specified in the Annex to this Regulation shall be included in the Union list of authorised novel foods established in Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470.
2. The entry in the Union list referred to in paragraph 1 shall include the conditions of use and labelling requirements laid down in the Annex to this Regulation.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 327, 11.12.2015, p. 1.⁽²⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470 of 20 December 2017 establishing the Union list of novel foods in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council on novel foods (OJ L 351, 30.12.2017, p. 72).

Article 2

The Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470 is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in *the Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 18 December 2018.

For the Commission
The President
Jean-Claude JUNCKER

ANNEX

The Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470 is amended as follows:

(1) The following entry is inserted in Table 1 (Authorised novel foods) in alphabetical order:

Authorised novel food	Conditions under which the novel food may be used	Additional specific labelling requirements	Other requirements
'Syrup from <i>Sorghum bicolor</i> (L.) Moench (Traditional food from a third country)	Not specified	The designation of the novel food on the labelling of the foodstuffs containing it shall be "Sorghum (<i>Sorghum bicolor</i>) syrup".	

(2) The following entry is inserted in Table 2 (Specifications) in alphabetical order:

Authorised Novel Food	Specifications
'Syrup from <i>Sorghum bicolor</i> (L.) Moench. (Traditional food from a third country)	<p>Description/Definition</p> <p>The traditional food is syrup from <i>Sorghum bicolor</i> (L.) Moench (genus, <i>Sorghum</i>; family, <i>Poaceae</i> (alt. <i>Gramineae</i>)).</p> <p>The syrup is obtained from stalks of <i>S. bicolor</i>, after applying production processes such as crushing, extraction, and evaporation including a heat treatment in order to obtain a minimum of 74 °Brix syrup</p> <p>Compositional data of syrup from <i>Sorghum bicolor</i> (L.) Moench</p> <p>Water: 22,7 g/100 g Ash: 2,4 Sugars, total: > 74,0 g/100 g'</p>