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Cc: Arroyo-Casabona, Cristina
Subject: RE: CBD Food supplements

Hi ,

In Ireland we do not have any legislation specifically governing hemp products, just the novel food Regulation. As yet there is no specified tolerance level for THC and therefore any level would be in breach of the misuse of drugs Act 1977 as amended.

In terms of what is novel and what is not novel with regard to hemp and hemp products, in Ireland we have been advising for many years based on a previous version of the NF Catalogue. See a screenshot of the entry for Cannabis sativa from the 2009 version of the catalogue below which the Commission circulated to Member States on CD.

You can see that it states "Regulation (EC) No 258/97 is not applicable to most foods and food ingredients from this plant". While I could foresee a food or ingredient going from novel to not novel, it is difficult to explain to the industry how a food that was not considered novel becomes novel. The updated catalogue in terms of cannabinoids is satisfactory from our view, with the long-held premise with regard to extracts being acknowledged. However, I would be uneasy about trying to amend the plant entry without justification as it would mean that at least we in Ireland have been giving out inaccurate advice for some years based on the NF Catalogue. This would possibly present a credibility and reputational risk for all of us involved in novel food regulation.

Regards,

Scientific name

Public description

Notes requirements concerning the consumption of hemp (Cannabis sativa) and hemp products, Regulation (EC) No 258/97 is not applicable to most foods and food ingredients from this plant.

It is an annual herb, usually erect belonging to the Cannabaceae Family. Native to Central Asia and long cultivated in Asia, Europe and

China. It's a multiple-use plant, furnishing fiber, oil, medicine and narcotics. Fibers are best produced from male plants. Leaves are

added to soups in southeast Asia. Most varieties contain cannabinol and cannabinin.

Member States Information : Member State(s) use; as food ingredient (plants, beans and oils with no content - or low- of cannabinol and annabinol). History of consumption also for plant

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From:

Sent: Tuesday 18 June 2019 10:00

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**Subject:** CBD Food supplements

Importance: High

Dear colleagues,

In the last time in Romania there is an invasion of food supplements containing cannabis, CBD, various extracts from cannabis, some of them probably illegally placed on the market or some companies who intend put on the market such products!

There have been discussions many times in WG, including the latest meetings which, unfortunately, I could not attend. In this context, can you tell me if you have specific legislation regarding this field? As I know, some countries have such legislation, especially Italy, Belgium, Austria, Ireland, Denmark.

We are in discussions with many authorities whether it would be necessary to initiate a legislative proposal on CBD products, food supplements in particular!!!

Thank you very much in advance,

Food Safety Authority of Ireland

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Má tháinig sé chugat de bharr dearmad, téigh i dteagmháil leis an seoltóir agus scrios an t-ábhar ó do ríomhaire le do thoil.

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