

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION**of 8 December 2014****authorising the placing on the market of chia oil (*Salvia hispanica*) as a novel food ingredient under Regulation (EC) No 258/97 of the European Parliament and of the Council***(notified under document C(2014) 9209)***(Only the English text is authentic)**

(2014/890/EU)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

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 12 November 2012, the company Functional Products Trading S.A. made a request to the competent authorities of the United Kingdom to place chia oil (*Salvia hispanica*) on the market as a novel food ingredient to be used in vegetable oils and as a food supplement.
- (2) On 8 July 2013, the competent food assessment body of the United Kingdom issued its initial assessment report. In that report it came to the conclusion that chia oil (*Salvia hispanica*) meets the criteria for novel food set out in Article 3(1) of Regulation (EC) No 258/97.
- (3) On 13 September 2013, the Commission forwarded the initial assessment report to the other Member States.
- (4) Reasoned objections were raised within the 60 day period laid down in the first subparagraph of Article 6(4) of Regulation (EC) No 258/97. In accordance with Article 7(1) of Regulation (EC) No 258/97 a Commission Implementing Decision should be made that takes into account the objections raised. The additional explanations provided by the applicant alleviated the concerns to the satisfaction of the Member States and the Commission.
- (5) Directive 2002/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽²⁾ lays down requirements on food supplements. The use of chia oil (*Salvia hispanica*) should be authorised without prejudice to the requirements of that legislation.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Chia oil (*Salvia hispanica*) as specified in Annex I may be placed on the market in the Union as a novel food ingredient for the uses defined and at the maximum levels established in Annex II without prejudice to the provisions of Directive 2002/46/EC.

Article 2

The designation of chia oil authorised by this Decision on the labelling of the foodstuffs containing it shall be 'Chia oil (*Salvia hispanica*)'.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 43, 14.2.1997, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Directive 2002/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 June 2002 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to food supplements (OJ L 183, 12.7.2002, p. 51).

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to Functional Products Trading S.A., Av. Luis Pasteur 5842 Of. 302 — Vitacura, Santiago, Chile.

Done at Brussels, 8 December 2014.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

SPECIFICATION OF CHIA OIL (*SALVIA HISPANICA*)**Description:**

Chia oil is produced from Chia (*Salvia hispanica* L.) seeds (99,9 % pure) by cold-pressing. No solvents are used and, once pressed, the oil is held in decantation tanks and a filtration process employed to remove impurities.

Test	Specification
Acidity expressed as oleic acid	Not more than 2 %
Peroxide value	Not more than 10 meq/kg
Insoluble impurities	Not more than 0,05 %
Alpha linolenic acid	Not less than 60 %
Linoleic acid	15-20 %

ANNEX II

AUTHORISED USES OF CHIA OIL (*SALVIA HISPANICA*)

Food category	Use levels
Fats and oils	Not more than 10 %
Food supplements	Not more than 2 g/day