

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NOVEL FOODS AND PROCESSES

OLEORESIN FROM DRIED BIOMASS FROM *Haematococcus pluvialis* ALGAE

Issue

The Committee is asked to consider the text of a draft initial opinion on the request from Algalo Industries for the opinion of the UK Competent Authority (CA) on whether their Oleoresin should be considered substantially equivalent to those already on the EU market from Asta Real AB.

Background

1. Algalo Industries is requesting an opinion that their oleoresin product should be considered substantially equivalent to an existing product produced by the Swedish company Asta Real AB which was on the market before 1995.

The Committee reviewed this application at the February and April meeting and also in March by correspondence. It did not identify any reason why the applicant's oleoresin was not substantially equivalent to other oleoresin products already on the market. Feedback from the consultation with members on the draft opinion did not produce any further points to consider and the opinion for the product can be progressed. The draft opinion is at **Annex A**.

2. A consultation on the opinion has taken place and the public responses will be tabled at the meeting.

Committee Action Required

- The Committee is asked to consider the text of the draft opinion and to suggest any amendments.
- The draft opinion has been published via the Agency's web-site for the usual 10-day public consultation. After the Committee has considered any public comments and its opinion is finalised, the final opinion will be forwarded to the European Commission.

Secretariat

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Annex attached:

Annex A Draft Initial Opinion (OFFICIAL SENSITIVE – DRAFT)