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Dear Andreas,

Application for the approval of ferric sodium EDTA (Ferrazone®) as a source of iron for use in the manufacture of parnuts products and food supplements

The UK has recently formally accepted the above application from the company Akzo Nobel Chemicals GmbH, under the EC Novel Foods Regulation (258/97) for approval of ferric sodium EDTA (Ferrazone®) as a source of iron for use in the manufacture of parnuts products and food supplements.

We note that the use of the ingredient in these products requires assessment and authorisation under Council Directives 89/398/EEC and 2002/46/EC, and we understand from the applicant that parallel applications are already under way via the Commission and that EFSA is carrying out the necessary risk assessments. We have therefore concluded that the novel food application requires additional assessment, as foreseen in article 6(3) of regulation 258/97, and that a decision on authorisation as a novel food ingredient should be taken once EFSA's advice is available. In these circumstances we have not prepared a detailed assessment report.

Under our national procedures, this application will be published on the FSA website for a 21-day period of public comment. Any comments received will be forwarded to you.

Yours sincerely,



(By email)

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