

Summary of the application: Chia Seeds in chocolate (Extension of Use)

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The novel food application concerns request for authorisation of an extension of use of chia seeds. The company Sanchis Mira S.A. is requesting an extension of use of chia seeds in chocolate in amount up to 3% chia seeds.

The manufacturing process used to make the novel food is the same as that traditionally used to manufacture chocolate bars and can be considered appropriate in terms of food safety. Furthermore, Sanchis Mira S.A. has an adequate system of critical chemical, physical and biological control points. The company has a hazard analysis and critical control points (HACCP) system in place to ensure that the desired levels of harmlessness and quality are maintained.

The chia seeds are used as a raw material, constituting 3% of the final product, giving it a crispy texture. As chia seeds are not used for their health properties, no nutritional declaration will appear on the labelling of the novel food regarding the benefits of the chia seeds.