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Administrative Assessment Report –Application A1364

Rhiza mycelium (*Neurospora crassa*) biomass as a novel food

1. Application details

Date received: 3 August 2026		
Date due for completion of administrative assessment: 24 August 2026		
Date completed: 24 August 2026		
Applicant: BMC Ingredients		Potentially affected schedules: 3 and 25
Brief description of application: To permit the sale and use of whole <i>Neurospora crassa</i> biomass (Rhiza mycelium) as a novel food.		
Procedure: General Level 4	Maximum total variable hours: 520 hours Reasons why: Requires a toxicological, nutritional, food technology and dietary modelling assessment of greater than average complexity and requires an assessment of risk management measures of greater than average complexity.	Estimated start date for assessment: August 2027

2. Decision

Application accepted Decision Date: 24 August 2026

3. Consultation & assessment timeframe

Proposed length of public consultation periods: 8 weeks Notification date: 28 September 2026	
Proposed timeframe for assessment	
Commence assessment (clock start)	late Aug 2027
Public comment	early Dec 2027 to late Jan 2028
Board to consider approval	late April 2028
Notification to Food Ministers' Meeting (FMM)	early May 2028
Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	mid June 2028