

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2015/568**of 7 April 2015****amending Annex I to Implementing Decision 2012/725/EU as regards the definition of bovine lactoferrin***(notified under document C(2015) 2173)***(Only the English text is authentic)**

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) Commission Implementing Decision 2012/725/EU ⁽²⁾ authorises the placing on the market of bovine lactoferrin as a novel food ingredient.
- (2) Annex I to Implementing Decision 2012/725/EU lays down the specifications for bovine lactoferrin. Those specifications contain a definition of bovine lactoferrin. This definition should be amended to better describe the authorised novel food ingredient.
- (3) Implementing Decision 2012/725/EU should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (4) 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

In Annex I to Implementing Decision 2012/725/EU, the definition of bovine lactoferrin is replaced by the following:

'Bovine lactoferrin (bLF) is a protein that occurs naturally in cow's milk. It is an iron-binding glycoprotein of approximately 77 kDa and consists of a single polypeptide chain of 689 amino acids.

bLF is isolated from skimmed milk or cheese whey via ion exchange and subsequent ultra-filtration steps. Finally it is dried by freeze drying or spraying and the large particles are sieved out.'

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to Morinaga Milk Industry Co., Ltd, 33-1, Shiba 3-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo 108-8384, Japan.

Done at Brussels, 7 April 2015.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 43, 14.2.1997, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Commission Implementing Decision 2012/725/EU of 22 November 2012 authorising the placing on the market of bovine lactoferrin as a novel food ingredient under Regulation (EC) No 258/97 of the European Parliament and of the Council (Morinaga) (OJ L 327, 27.11.2012, p. 46).