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### The International Platform of Insects for Food and Feed

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[The International Platform of Insects for Food and Feed \(IPIFF\)](#) – the European umbrella organisation representing stakeholders active in the production of insects for food and feed - welcomes today's publication of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)<sup>[1]</sup> opinion on the **safety of frozen and freeze-dried formulations of the lesser mealworm** (*Alphitobius diaperinus* larva). The Parma-based agency indeed concluded that such a product is safe under the proposed conditions of use, in line with the requirements and thorough assessment procedures defined by the European Union (EU) legislation on novel foods (Regulation (EU) 2015/2283).

Following last year's positive outcomes, this opinion, the first on this insect species, represents **another important step towards the wider commercialisation of edible insects in the EU**. According to the NF process, this opinion will be submitted to the European Commission in order to prepare a draft Regulation authorising the product for commercialisation within the EU. A final authorisation could be expected by early 2023. The positive opinion results from an application submitted by Ynsect Netherlands (formerly Protifarm and now owned by the French company Ynsect) back in January 2018.

*For more information on the Novel Food and the related steps, have a look at the [IPIFF Briefing Paper](#) and at the above-mentioned EFSA opinion. The [IPIFF FAQs on Novel Food](#) are available here and will be updated in the upcoming days.*

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[1] <https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.2903/j.efsa.2022.7325>

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**The International Platform of Insects for Food and Feed (IPIFF)** is a non-profit organisation which represents the interests of the insect production sector towards EU policymakers, European stakeholders and citizens. Composed of 82 members, most of which are European insect producing companies, IPIFF promotes the use of insects and insect-derived products as top tier source of nutrients for human consumption and animal feed.