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## Application and modification of the EU regulation on novel foods

Peru was joined by six other Latin American countries in reiterating concerns about the EU's application and proposed modification of the novel foods directive. The directive regulates the authorization of foods which have not been consumed to any significant degree in the EU prior to May 1997. The Latin American countries said the measure is not based on a risk assessment as required by the SPS Agreement. The EU said the new proposal does not change the definition of novel foods or the scope of the existing regulation but would streamline the process for traditional foods, and is in line with SPS Agreement requirements.