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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 Brussels-based umbrella organisation representing stakeholders active across the insect production value chains - welcomes today's publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union* of the [European Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2021/882](#) authorising the placing on the market of dried *Tenebrio molitor* as a novel food under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283.

Following the vote of the EU Member States from May 3rd this year, this publication marks the final step of the authorisation process. The Regulation will enter into force on the twentieth day following its publication (i.e. 22nd of June 2021).

This first insect novel food authorisation represents a very important milestone towards the wider EU-commercialisation of insects as food. IPIFF is convinced that it will help to pave the way for the outstanding insect novel food applications.

More information on the novel food authorisation process and the implications of these procedures may be found in the IPIFF ['Frequently Asked Questions'](#) document.

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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 76 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.