

2800 deaths caused by malaria per day thanks to the WHO and the EU!

That cannot not be true!

says the association anamed international (NGO)



Summary: In November 2019, the EU classified *Artemisia annua*, often called "Queen of Medicinal Plants" and "Nobel Prize Medicinal Plant", as a non-approved new foodstuff (9); we believe, out of consideration for the profits of the pharmaceutical industry. Our association anamed, however, demands the immediate accreditation of this medicinal plant as an "Ancient food", like apples and pears! The EU bases its negative stance obviously on a recent WHO recommendation (10). According to the association, the fact that the WHO and the EU have currently joined forces against this medicinal plant proves that the same profit-seeking, ruthless and unscientifically acting pharmaceutical lobby in Brussels and Geneva has its bloody hands in the game. In the following, the association therefore asks all politically committed persons for their support:

Dear friends and colleagues,

as you can see from the attached document, we are in an extremely threatening situation. We therefore urge you to help us continue our humanitarian work around the world.

Cause: For a clear reason, namely to keep nature's competition from industry at bay, the EU divided food into 3 categories as of 15 May 1997. We refer to these simplified as:

Category A: Traditional foods such as apples, pears, chamomile tea, etc. not listed in the EU catalogue.

Category B: Foodstuffs which, in the opinion of the EU, '*were not used for human consumption to a significant extent in the EU before 15.5.1997*' (1) and are now authorised (2).

Category C: Foodstuffs which, in the opinion of the EU, "*were not used for human consumption to a significant extent in the EU before 15.5.1997*" and which have not yet been authorised.

Problem: With approximately 3,000 deaths daily, there is no greater life destroyer than malaria. But almost 2,800 of these people could be saved daily by *Artemisia*. We fight for this as anamed international e.V. and count on your help. Thanks to our *Artemisia* work, thousands of people are still alive today. THE EU WANTS TO FORBID THAT!

How is that possible? Well, the first Novel Food Regulation (NFV, Regulation EC 258/97) in 1997 was welcomed by the public because its main focus was against the secret introduction of genetically modified foods by the big industry. But then the EU turned the tables: the revision to the current NFA with number EU/2015/2283 led to the industry now being protected from the population! Plants like stevia were not allowed until the big industry was ready to "exploit" them: in this case Coca Cola! The lawyer C. Ballke comments: "Whether the new regulation will be a success story also depends on the spirit that will be attached to it" (5). I can only say that this "spirit" is called fear, profit-seeking and neo-colonialism. Farmers, animal breeders, doctors and alternative practitioners in Europe are deliberately frightened to gain experience with medicinal

plants. Food control authorities are forced to impose penalties and shut down corporations, which they themselves do not understand.

How can it be that the state of China promotes the spread of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM, for example the medicinal plant *Artemisia annua*) in China and (!) in Europe (4), but the spread of a "Traditional European Medicine" is blocked by Europe itself in its own countries! What is the German state doing comparable in China? Nothing! In Germany? Nothing! The state of China supports TCM, so that there are 300,000 TCM doctors in China today (4). How many doctors of a "TEM" (Traditional European Medicine) are there in Europe? Surely very few, just take the example of *Artemisia annua*: the EU sees its task in the fight instead of in the support of a medicine for medicinal plants in European clinics! Example: Our preferred breeding specie *Artemisia annua* anamed reduces the costs of an antitumoral artemisinin therapy in Germany by 99% (self-produced by 100%). The interest of European health policy? Blockade. People prefer to complain that Germany does not get enough cancer drugs (from Asian companies) for its patients. In November, the EU classified the food "*Artemisia annua*" in category C.

Solution: We hereby strongly object and ask YOU to release this plant from this "illegality" and to assign it to category A. You can do this by forwarding this letter to responsible politicians, by underpinning the urgency of the letter with your own experiences! The plant *Artemisia annua* (here abbreviated as A-2) is NOT a NOVEL FOOD at all, but belongs to the category A. Here are just a few reasons for this:

1. A-2 has been used in China for 2000 years to treat fever and intestinal diseases.
2. The works of Manfred Porkert, among others, have contributed to the dissemination of TCM in Germany. His "Clinical Chinese Pharmacology" of 1978, for example, offers for the first time a comprehensive description of the effects of Chinese drugs in a Western language (3). In other words, medicinal plants such as *Artemisia annua* (A-2) were used in Germany many years before the EU fixed date of 15 May 1997.
3. In the understanding of TCM, medicinal plants are always both medicine and food at the same time. *Artemisia annua* has been officially used in TCM since the 6th century and has also been used in Germany for many decades. It was acquired by me in September 2019 quite normally in a pharmacy. The representative of the district office Rems-Murr took photos of this food on 1.10.2019.
4. Between the rediscovery of the plant *Artemisia annua* by Professor Tu Youyou (1968) and the reaction of the WHO in 2001 to use the ingredients of this plant against malaria, there are no less than 33 years of deliberate delay. The WHO wanted to prevent malaria patients from being cured by home-grown plants. Due to this delay, it was not possible for European aid organisations to carry out studies before 1995 with this medicinal plant, which can be found throughout Eastern Europe. This delay is therefore the fault of the WHO, not the fault of users such as our association!
5. I myself presented *Artemisia annua* to the public before this fixed date of the EU. This happened at the "Pro Sanita" fair in Stuttgart (23.-27.4.1997), as a collaborator at the stand of the "Dritte Welt Laden Winnenden". At stand number 5.2-226 I showed and sold *Artemisia annua*, which was confirmed in writing (6). All this is truly and should be considered as *significant* legally!
6. Of course *Artemisia annua* was already in use long before the fixed date of 15.5.1997. In the general reference book for the pharmacy, "Hagers Handbuch, 5. Edition", page 366 and 367, the use of *Artemisia annua* is presented in detail. Interestingly, in this book the origin of the plant is indicated as "from Asia or Yugoslavia from cultivation". This book has been published in 1992!! Why would a modern EU country have cultivated the plant if it hadn't also been consumed? (Copyright is held by Springer Verlag 1992) (7)

Consequence and perspective: Especially today, in the context of the climate catastrophe, new tropical diseases are constantly appearing in Europe. We must all help to ensure that the pharmaceutical lobby does not take away the tools from doctors and alternative practitioners in Europe in the fight against these new tropical diseases. It is outrageous that, in view of this situation in the pharmaceutical industry, the EU is now allowing, for example, a single injection to be sold to health insurance companies for USD 2 million (Zolgensma®) and that, on the other hand, the supervisory authorities on behalf of the EU are obliged to fight against aid organisations and mini-enterprises.

An example: We as anamed association have been trying this year for 5 months in vain to transport 300 kilograms of Artemisia annua, harvested by anamed Tanzania and financed by anamed donors, to Mozambique in slums affected by floods, as a gift. The import was refused with reference to the WHO warnings or EU blockade against Artemisia annua as a malaria drug! 9000 people could have been treated against malaria with a success rate of 94%! Now many patients have unfortunately died, our tea rotted at customs and it was then burned by us. So sad, but who pleads guilty?

An encouragement: Please read the official info sheet of the German Ministry of Education and Research (8). In 2013, the then Federal Minister Prof. Dr. J. Wanka recommended an approach that is exactly ours! Quotations: "*The way to an innovation resembles an expedition: To venture out of familiar territory, to cross borders and openness to the unexpected are necessary prerequisites*" and on the second page it says: "*Artemisia annua - mugwort - is growing all over the world. In Germany this plant is better known as a weed, but it can do much more - it can change the world*".

For this change we need you!

Further information can be found on our homepage. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely (and with pleasure on your answer),

Hans-Martin Hirt and all anamed associations and teams worldwide!

(1) VO 2015/2283/EG Art 3 Abs.2

(2) http://ec.europa.eu/food/safety/novel_food/catalogue/search/public/index.cfm#

(3) Traditionelle chinesische Medizin – Wikipedia

(4) https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Traditionelle_chinesische_Medizin, abgerufen am 13.11.2019

(5) <http://webcache.googleusercontent.com/search?q=cache:baPGXRlhjGsJ:www.meisterernst.com/pdf-file/pub/2019/Ballke-FOOD-Lab-2-2019.pdf+&cd=1&hl=de&ct=clnk&gl=de&client=firefox-b-d>

(6) Bestätigung des Vereins „Weltladen Winnenden“

(7) siehe google, Text liegt hier vor.

(8) BMBF_Artemisinin_bf_final.pdf, siehe in Suchmaschine unter „Innovationsforum Artemisinin“

(9) http://ec.europa.eu/food/safety/novel_food/catalogue/search/public/index.cfm#

(10) <https://www.who.int/news-room/detail/10-10-2019-the-use-of-non-pharmaceutical-forms-of-artemisia>. Document that we abbreviated as “NPA”