

Office of the Chair

Chair
COAG Legislative and Governance Forum on Food Regulation
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

I am writing to you in your capacity as the Chair of the COAG Legislative and Governance Forum on Food Regulation (the Forum), convening as the Australia and New Zealand Food Regulation Ministerial Council, to notify you of an approval of food standards by the Board of Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ).

At its meeting on 18–19 September 2013, the FSANZ Board approved draft variations relating to the following Application and Proposal:

- **A1075 – Quillaia Extract (Quillaja Extract) as a Food Additive (Emulsifier)**
- **P1019 – Carbon Monoxide as a Processing Aid for Fish**

The Approval Reports are attached for the Forum's consideration.

Subsection 118(5) of the *Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991* requires the FSANZ Board to inform the Forum of committees established and abolished under that section. Accordingly, I would like to advise you that the Food Allergy and Intolerance Scientific Advisory Group has been abolished under section 118(1). It will be re-established, but not under section 118, with a number of the current members to be re-appointed to the Group. It will continue in its role of providing advice to FSANZ on clinical and scientific evidence on potential new food allergens, cross-reactivity with known allergens and any other matters relating to food allergy and intolerance.

Yours sincerely



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