

## **STANDARD 2.2.3**

### **FISH AND FISH PRODUCTS**

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#### **Purpose**

This Standard defines the term ‘fish’ and provides a compositional standard specific to histamine in fish and fish products. This Standard also requires the provision of certain cooking instructions for raw fish which has been joined using a binding system without the application of heat.

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##### **1 Interpretation**

In this Code –

**fish** means any of the cold-blooded aquatic vertebrates and aquatic invertebrates including shellfish, but does not include amphibians and reptiles.

#### **Editorial note:**

In New Zealand, guidance may be found in the following publications:

1. Scientific names of fish, approved under clause 32 of the Animal Products (Specifications for Products Intended for Human Consumption) Notice 2005 <http://www.nzfsa.govt.nz/animalproducts/legislation/notices/animal-material-product/human-consumption/nz-fishnames-list-web-published-20080128.pdf> ; and
2. Approved Scientific, New Zealand Common, Maori, and Foreign Common Names of New Zealand Commercial Fish Species, are available from the New Zealand Food Safety Authority website at <http://www.nzfsa.govt.nz/animalproducts/registers-lists/approved-fish-names/>

##### **2 Composition**

The level of histamine in fish or fish products must not exceed 200 mg/kg.

### 3 Labelling etc of formed or joined fish

Where raw fish has been formed or joined in the semblance of a cut or fillet of fish using a binding system without the application of heat, whether coated or not, a declaration that the fish is either formed or joined, in conjunction with cooking instructions indicating how the microbiological safety of the product can be achieved –

- (a) must be included on the label on the package of the fish; or
- (b) if the food is not required to be labelled, must be provided to the purchaser.

**Editorial Note:**

See Standard 1.2.1 – Application of Labelling and Other Information Requirements for the application of labelling requirements.