



FOOD STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT WORK PLAN
All entries in this document are current as of 27 January 2010

The FSANZ Work Plan is presented in two parts under the following headings:

PART 1 – Applications received and proposals prepared from 1 October 2007 onwards

PART 2 – Applications received and proposals prepared before 1 October 2007

Information on applications and proposals finalised prior to the current financial year (including Gazettal) is available from the FSANZ website at:

[Finalised Applications and Proposals](#) or the Information Officer.

Work Plan Availability – This document is available from the FSANZ website at [Work Plan](#) or from FSANZ's Information Officer at:

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GENERAL NOTES ABOUT THE WORK PLAN

Application or Proposal – Each application or proposal is allocated a unique sequential identification number allocated in the order of receipt by FSANZ. Applications commence with an ‘A’ whilst proposals commence with either a ‘P’ or ‘M’ (maximum residue limits). Proposals that are under consideration, but have not yet been formally prepared by FSANZ will have the prefix ‘PP’ to indicate potential proposal. Applications and proposals that have 3 digits relate to those received or prepared before 1 October 2007. Those with 4 digits related to those received or prepared from 1 October 2007 onwards

Brief Description – This provides a general description of the purpose of the application or proposal.

While applications or proposals are placed on the Work Plan in the order they are received, and generally worked on in that order, there will be situations where projects lower on the Work Plan are completed **before** projects higher placed on the Work Plan. This can arise for a variety of reasons such as variance in complexity, availability of specialist expertise, withdrawal of applications or delays in completion such as requests for further information.

Applicant or Initiator – Applications are formal requests to amend the *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code* (the Code) received from members of the public. These commence with an ‘A’. Proposals are amendments to the Code prepared (initiated) by FSANZ. These commence with an ‘M’ for proposals relating to maximum residue limits and ‘P’ for all other Proposals.

Expected timetable – This outlines the anticipated timeframes for consideration of the assessment reports, notifications to the Ministerial Council and gazettals. It is important to note that these timeframes can change at very short notice and are dependent on many factors such as staff resourcing within FSANZ, the need for further information from the applicant, and delays in the receipt of fees.

early (1st 10 days of a month) e.g. early April means a date somewhere between 1 and 10 April)
mid- (2nd 10 days of a month) e.g. mid-April means a date somewhere between 11 and 20 April
late (remaining days in a month) e.g. late April means a date somewhere between 21 and 30 April

Consultation opportunities – Calls for public submissions are advertised in *The Australian*, *The New Zealand Herald* and on the FSANZ website. Subscribers to FSANZ’s Notification Circular, applicants, submitters and interested parties are notified by email where at all possible, otherwise a hard copy of the Circular only is posted to applicants, submitters and interested parties. Information on what documents are available for public comment is available on the FSANZ website at <http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/foodstandards/changingthecode/documentsforpublicco868.cfm>.

Finalised Projects – Applications and proposals completed, withdrawn, rejected, deleted from the Work Plan or abandoned in the current financial year are included at the end of this Work Plan. The Board may be asked to review its decision by the Ministerial Council after it has completed its consideration of an application or proposal. Review requests are separately listed in the Review tables.

NOTES ABOUT PART 1 OF THE WORK PLAN

Information on applications received and proposals prepared by FSANZ from 1 October 2007 onwards are listed as follows:

- **General Procedure**
- **Minor Procedure**
- **Major Procedure**
- **Urgent applications or proposals**
- **Applications and Proposals being reviewed**
- **Finalised Applications and Proposals**

Date received – This is the date on which FSANZ received the application. This date is not applicable for proposals. FSANZ has 15 business days to make an Administrative (Admin) Assessment of the Application. The purpose of this assessment is to determine whether an application meets the application requirements (As set out in Part 3 of the FSANZ's *Application Handbook*) and the Procedure by which it should be assessed. If the application is accepted, it is then placed on this Work Plan. The Admin Assessment also determined the timetable for consideration of the Application.

Admin Assessment completed – This is the date that the Administrative Assessment was completed and the application accepted. After the Admin Assessment is completed, an 'early bird' notification to the public occurs. In relation to proposals, FSANZ also carries out an 'Admin Assessment', the end result of which, the proposal is formally prepared by FSANZ. If an Application is rejected at the Admin Assessment stage, the Application will appear in the 'Finalised Projects' table with an indication of the reasons for rejection. If an application is rejected for not meeting mandatory format and information requirements, this does not prevent the applicant re-lodging the application at a later date in the correct format and with the missing information.

Expected Timetable – These are the estimated dates determined at the Admin Assessment for completion of the steps in the assessment process. The estimated dates used are based on ('early' – 1st-10th of each month; 'mid' – 11th-20th of each month; and 'late' 21st-31st of each month). As each step is completed the actual date is indicated in the 'Steps completed' column.

Start & Finish Dates – For applications, FSANZ is required under the FSANZ Act to complete its assessment of applications either within 9 months (GENERAL Procedure) or 3 months (MINOR Procedure) or 12 months (MAJOR Procedure). For unpaid applications, the clock starts on the date on which the assessment commences (determined by FSANZ). For paid applications, the clock starts on the date the fees are received by FSANZ. For applications being assessed under the Major Procedure only, FSANZ is able to extend the timeframe for up to 6 months, if it is not practicable for a decision to be made within the period.

For proposals, FSANZ does not have a statutory timeframe to complete its assessment. However, a clock, as for unpaid applications, has been used for reporting and planning purposes.

Further Info – These applications are awaiting further information from the applicant and therefore the anticipated due date for finalisation cannot be accurately identified while the information is outstanding.

Fees – Fees are payable if an application confers an exclusive capturable commercial benefit (ECCB) on an applicant, or if the applicant wishes to expedite consideration of the application. If an applicant with an ECCB does not pay the fees owing within 20 business days of the notification that the Admin Assessment has been made, the application is automatically rejected. For more information about how the categories are determined see the FSANZ *Application Handbook* <http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/foodstandards/changingthecode/applicationshandbook.cfm> on FSANZ's website. If any fees owed, FSANZ cannot continue to work on the assessment.

s.95 – These applications and proposals are considered urgent under Division 4 of the FSANZ Act. Under these provisions, FSANZ is required to assess the variation to the *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code* within 12 months of the date of effect of the gazetted variation. FSANZ may then either re-affirm its original decision or prepare a proposal for a further variation or replacement variation.

GENERAL PROCEDURE

Timeframe for completion of assessment: 9 months

This Procedure applies to all applications or proposals received from 1 October 2007 onwards for the variation of a food regulatory measure, unless they are being considered under either the Minor or Major Procedures, or are considered 'urgent' under Division 4 of the FSANZ Act

APPLICATION or PROPOSAL	Applicant or Initiator	Brief Description	Received	Admin Assess completed	Expected Timetable		Date completed	Consultation Opportunities
A1005 – Exclusive Use of Tonalin® CLA as a Novel Food (Paid) (Level 2)	Cognis GmbH via Axiome Pty Ltd	To approve the exclusive use of Cognis's conjugated linoleic acid (CLA) preparation as a novel food.	22/2/2008	29/2/2008	Commence Assessment (Start date)	Early March 2008	3/3/2008	Following the release of the Assessment Report
					Completion of Assessment Public comment	Late June 2010 Early July 2010-mid Aug 2010		
					Board to complete Approval (Finish date)	Early Nov 2010 (13/10/2009)		
					Notification to Ministerial Council Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Mid-Nov 2010 Late Jan 2011		
A1007 – Labelling of Foods with a Formulated Caffeinated Beverage as an Ingredient (Level 1)	Distilled Spirits Industry Council of Australia Inc	To require foods containing energy drinks as ingredients to carry the mandatory statements, and be subject to the same vitamin claim restriction as prescribed in clause 3 of Standard 2.6.4.	27/3/2008	16/4/2008	Commence Assessment (Start date)	Late Nov 2009		Following the release of the Assessment Report
					Completion of Assessment Public comment	Late June 2010 Early July 2010-mid Aug 2010		
					Board to complete Approval (Finish date)	Early Nov 2010		
					Notification to Ministerial Council Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Mid-Nov 2010 Late Jan 2011		
A1012 – Exclusive Use of Clarinol™ CLA as a Novel Food (Paid) (Level 2)	Lipid Nutrition	To approve the exclusive use of Lipid Nutrition's conjugated linoleic acid (CLA) preparation as a novel food.	9/7/2008	29/7/2008	Commence Assessment (Start date)	Late-Aug 2008	14/8/2008	Following the release of the Assessment Report
					Completion of Assessment Public comment	Late June 2010 Early July 2010-mid Aug 2010		
					Board to complete Approval (Finish date)	Early Nov 2010 (16/12/2009)		
					Notification to Ministerial Council Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Mid-Nov 2010 Late Jan 2011		

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A1019 – Exclusive Use of Phytosterol Esters in Lower Fat Cheese Products (Paid) <i>(Level 2)</i>	Kraft Foods	To approve the exclusive use of phytosterol esters in reduced fat cream cheese and reduced fat processed cheese at levels equivalent to 0.8 g to 1 g of free phytosterols in a 20 g serve.	14/11/2008	4/12/2008	Commence Assessment (Start date) Completion of Assessment Public comment	Early Jan 2009 Mid-Sept 2009 Late Sept-mid-Nov 2009	7/1/2009 17/9/2009 23/9/2009-4/11/2009	Following the release of the Assessment Report
					Board to complete Approval (<i>Finish date</i>) Notification to Ministerial Council Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Early Feb 2010 <i>(29/10/2009)</i> Mid-Feb 2010 Late April 2010		
A1020 – Presence of 4-hexylresorcinol in Cooked Crustacea <i>(Level 1)</i>	Seafarm Pty Ltd	To clarify that the presence of 4-hexylresorcinol in cooked crustacea is permitted, as carryover from treated raw crustacea.	5/1/2009	28/1/2009	Commence Assessment (Start date) Completion of Assessment Public comment	Mid-Dec 2009 Early March 2010 Mid-March-late Apr 2010 Late July 2010		Following the release of the Assessment Report
					Board to complete Approval (<i>Finish date</i>) Notification to Ministerial Council Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Early Aug 2010 Mid-Oct 2010		
A1021 – Food derived from Herbicide-tolerant Maize Line DP-098140-6 (Paid) <i>(Level 2)</i>	Pioneer Hi-Bred Intern via SGA Solutions	To seek permission for food derived from maize genetically modified to provide tolerance to herbicides glyphosate and acetolactate-synthase inhibitors.	20/1/2009	12/2/2009	Commence Assessment (Start date) Completion of Assessment Public comment	Mid-Dec 2009 Early Dec 2009 Mid-Dec 2009-early Feb 2010	20/2/2009 23/11/2009 16/12/2009-10/2/2010	Following the release of the Assessment Report
					Board to complete Approval (<i>Finish date</i>) Notification to Ministerial Council Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Late April 2010 <i>(4/1/2010)</i> Early May 2010 Mid-July 2010		

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A1024 – Equivalence of Plant Stanols, Sterols & their Fatty Acids Esters (Paid) (Level 2)	Raisio Nutrition Ltd via Jane Barnes	To recognise the substantial equivalence (on safety and efficacy grounds) of plant stanols and plant sterols and their fatty acid esters (known as 'phytosterols') so that they are considered as a single chemical class of substances.	2/3/2009	24/3/2009	Commence Assessment (Start date) Completion of Assessment Public comment	Early April 2009 Late Sept 2009 Late Sept-mid-Nov 2009	2/4/2009 30/09/2009 01/09/2009-11/11/2009	Following the release of the Assessment Report
					Board to complete Approval (Finish date) Notification to Ministerial Council Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Early Feb 2010 (24/2/2010) Mid-Feb 2010 Early May 2010		
A1025 – Treatment of Dimethyl Dicarbonate as a Food Ingredient (Level 1)	Lanxess Deutschland GmbH via Brooke-Taylor & Co	To address the current regulatory inconsistency relating to the status of dimethyl dicarbonate which is currently permitted as a food additive, but is neither present, nor active, in the final food.	3/6/2009	22/6/2009	Commence Assessment (Start date) Completion of Assessment Public comment	Early Feb 2010 Early June 2010 Mid June-late July 2010 Early Nov 2010 Mid-Nov 2010 Late Jan 2011		Following the release of the Assessment Report
					Board to complete Approval (Finish date) Notification to Ministerial Council Anticipated gazettal if no review requested			
A1026 – Alcoholic Strength Tolerances for Wine (Level 1)	Winemakers' Federation of Australia	To amend Standard 2.7.1 to change the tolerances for actual alcoholic strength from the stated alcohol content for wine and wine products from 1.5% and for fortified wines from 0.5% to 0.8% by volume.	5/6/2009	22/6/2009	Commence Assessment (Start date) Completion of Assessment Public comment	Early Dec 2009 Early Apr 2010 mid-April-late May 2010 Mid-Sept 2010 Late Sept 2010 Early Dec 2010		Following the release of the Assessment Report
					Board to complete Approval (Finish date) Notification to Ministerial Council Anticipated gazettal if no review requested			

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A1028 – Oil derived from Insect-resistant & Herbicide-tolerant Cotton Event T304-40 (Paid) (Level 2)	Bayer CropScience	To seek permission for oil and linters derived from cotton genetically modified to provide tolerance to the herbicide glufosinate ammonium and resistance to Lepidopteran insect pests.	5/6/2009	24/6/2009	Commence Assessment (Start date) Completion of Assessment Public comment	Late July 2009 Early Dec 2009 Mid-Dec 2009-early Feb 2010	9/7/2009 9/12/2009 16/12/2009-10/2/2010	Following the release of the Assessment Report
					Board to complete Approval (Finish date) Notification to Ministerial Council Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Late April 2010 (9/4/2010) Early May 2010 Mid-July 2010		
M1004 – Maximum Residue Limits (September-December 2008, January-March 2009) (Level 1)	FSANZ	To amend maximum residue limits for a number of agricultural and veterinary chemicals.	18/2/2009	7/8/2009	Commence Assessment (Start date) Completion of Assessment Public comment	Mid-Aug 2009 Mid-Nov 2009 Mid-Nov-mid-Dec 2009	7/8/2009 19/11/09 20/11/-18/12/2009	Consultation completed.
					Board to complete Approval (Finish date) Notification to Ministerial Council Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Early Feb 2010 (7/5/2010) Mid-Feb 2010 Late April 2010		
A1030 – Calcium Lignosulfonate (40-65) as a Processing Aid Carrier (Level 2)	DSM Nutritional Products Australia Pty Ltd	To permit the use of calcium lignosulfonate (40-65) as a carrier in preparations of food additives and nutrients and other functional ingredients to facilitate their introduction into water-based foods.	26/6/2009	17/7/2009	Commence Assessment (Start date) Completion of Assessment Public comment	Mid-March 2010 Mid-July 2010 Late July-early Sept 2010		Following the release of the Assessment Report
					Board to complete Approval (Finish date) Notification to Ministerial Council Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Early Dec 2010 Mid-Dec 2010 Late Feb 2011		

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A1032 – β -Galactosidase as a Processing Aid (Enzyme) (Paid) (Level 1)	Friesland Campina Domo BV via Brooke-Taylor & Co Pty Ltd	To seek approval for a new microbial source for β -Galactosidase produced from <i>Bacillus circulans</i> , for use in the production of galactooligosaccharides.	29/7/2009	19/8/2009	Commence Assessment (Start date) Completion of Assessment Public comment	Late August 2009 Early Dec 2009 Mid-Dec 2009-early Feb 2010	31/8/2009 9/12/2009 16/12/2009-10/2/2010	Following the release of the Assessment Report
					Board to complete Approval (Finish date) Notification to Ministerial Council Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Mid-May 2010 (31/5/2010) Late May 2010 Early Aug 2010		
A1033 – Maltotetrao hydrolase as a Processing Aid (Enzyme) (Paid) (Level 1)	Danisco Australia Pty Ltd via Axiome Pty Ltd	To seek approval for maltotetrahydrolase, produced by fermentation using a non-toxicogenic genetically modified strain of <i>Bacillus licheniformis</i> , to reduce the staling process of baked goods	3/8/2009	21/8/2009	Commence Assessment (Start date) Completion of Assessment Public comment	Early Sept 2009 Early Dec 2009 Mid-Dec 2009-early Feb 2010	7/9/2009 9/12/2009 16/12/2009-10/2/2010	Following the release of the Assessment Report
					Board to complete Approval (Finish date) Notification to Ministerial Council Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Late April 2010 (8/6/2010) Early May 2010 Mid-July 2010		
M1005 – Maximum Residue Limits (April-September 2009) (Level 1)	FSANZ	To amend residue limits for certain agricultural and veterinary chemicals and make minor clarifications to Standard 1.4.2.	17/8/2009	9/9/2009	Commence Assessment (Start date) Completion of Assessment Public comment	Early Sept 2009 Mid-April 2010 Mid-April-mid-May 2010	9/9/2009	Following the release of the Assessment Report
					Board to complete Approval (Finish date) Notification to Ministerial Council Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Late July 2010 (9/6/2010) Early Aug 2010 Mid-Oct 2010		

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A1035 – Food derived from Insect-protected Soybean MON 87701 (Paid) (Level 2)	Monsanto Australia Limited	To seek pre-market approval for food derived from insect-protected soybean genetically modified to provide protection from feeding damage caused by Lepidopteran pests in tropical and subtropical growing regions.	27/8/2009	17/9/2009	Commence Assessment (Start date) Completion of Assessment Public comment Board to complete Approval (Finish date) Notification to Ministerial Council Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Early Oct 2009 Late Feb 2010 Early March-mid-April 2010 Mid-June 2010 (30/06/2010) Late June 2010 Early Sept 2010	30/09/2009	Following the release of the Assessment Report
A1036 – Lipase derived from <i>Aspergillus niger</i> as a Processing Aid (Enzyme) (Paid) (Level 1)	DSM Food Specialties	To approve a new microbial source for enzyme (lipase) produced from a genetically modified strain of <i>Aspergillus niger</i> for use in bakery applications to enhance the gas holding capacity of bread dough, to increase the stability of the dough upon proofing leading to an increased loaf volume.	6/10/2009	19/10/2009	Commence Assessment (Start date) Completion of Assessment Public comment Board to complete Approval (Finish date) Notification to Ministerial Council Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Late Nov 2009 Late April 2010 Early May-mid-June 2010 Mid-Aug 2010 (13/8/2010) Late Aug 2010 Early Nov 2010	13/11/2009	Following the release of the Assessment Report
A1037 – Steviol Glycosides - Increase in Permitted Use Levels (Level 2)	Cargill Incorporated	To approve an increase to 200 mg/kg steviol equivalents for the permitted use level for ice cream, water based beverages, brewed soft drinks, formulated beverages, flavoured soy beverages and to 100 mg/kg steviol equivalents for plain soy beverages.	28/10/2009	11/11/2009	Commence Assessment (Start date) Completion of Assessment Public comment Board to complete Approval (Finish date) Notification to Ministerial Council Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Mid-Aug 2010 Mid-Feb 2011 Late Feb-mid-April 2011 Mid-June 2011 Late June 2011 Early Sept 2011		Following the release of the Assessment Report

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A1038 – Irradiation of Persimmons <i>(Level 2)</i>	Queensland Department of Employment, Economic Development & Innovation	To permit the irradiation of persimmons (<i>Diospyros kaki</i>) as a quarantine measure.	19/11/2009	10/12/2009	Commence Assessment (Start date) Completion of Assessment Public comment Board to complete Approval (<i>Finish date</i>) Notification to Ministerial Council Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Mid-Oct 2010 Early March 2011 Late March-mid-May 2011 Mid-July 2011 Late July 2011 Early Oct 2011		Following the release of the Assessment Report
A1039 – Low THC Hemp as a Food <i>(Level 2)</i>	Dr Andrew Katelaris	To approve the use of <i>Cannabis sativa</i> with low levels of tetrahydrocannabinol, in both seed and seed oil, as a food.	4/12/2009	22/12/2009	Commence Assessment (Start date) Completion of Assessment Public comment Board to complete Approval (<i>Finish date</i>) Notification to Ministerial Council Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Mid-Oct 2010 Early March 2011 Late March-mid-May 2011 Mid-July 2011 Late July 2011 Early Oct 2011		Following the release of the Assessment Report

MINOR PROCEDURE

Timeframe for completion of assessment: 3 months

This Procedure applies to applications or proposals received from 1 October 2007 onwards for the variation of a food regulatory measure that, made, would not directly or indirectly impose, vary or remove an obligation on any person; or create, vary or remove a right of any person; or otherwise alter the legal effect of the measure

APPLICATION or PROPOSAL	Applicant or Initiator	Brief Description	Received	Admin Assess completed	Expected Timetable	Date completed	Consultation Opportunities*
					Commence Assessment (Start date) Completion of Assessment Public comment Board to complete Approval (Finish date) Notification to Ministerial Council Anticipated gazettal if no review requested		Following the release of the Assessment Report

*under the FSANZ Act, FSANZ is obliged only to consult with appropriate government agencies. However, FSANZ will endeavour to ensure that any affected stakeholders are also included in any consultation.

MAJOR PROCEDURE

Timeframe for completion of assessment: 12 months*

This Procedure applies to applications or proposals received from 1 October 2007 onwards for the development of a new food regulatory measure and an application or proposal for the variation of a food regulatory measure that involves such scientific or technical complexity that it is necessary to adopt this Procedure in considering it; or involves such a significant change to the scope of the food regulatory measure that it is necessary to adopt this Procedure in considering it

**May be extended by up to 6 months*

APPLICATION or PROPOSAL	Applicant or Initiator	Brief Description	Received	Admin Assess completed	Expected Timetable		Date completed	Consultation Opportunities
P1004 – Primary Production & Processing Standard for Seed Sprouts	FSANZ	To develop a primary production and processing standard to address food safety concerns resulting from consumption of seed sprouts available for sale for human consumption in Australia.	N/A	29/5/2009	Commence Assessment (Start date)	Early June 2009	1/6/2009	Following the release of 2 nd Assessment Report.
					Completion of 1 st Assessment Public comment	Late June 2009 Early July-Late August 2009	30/6/2009 15/7/2009-2/9/2009	
					Completion of 2 nd Assessment Public comment	Late April 2010 Late April 2010-early May 2010		
					Board to complete Approval (<i>Finish date</i>) Notification to Ministerial Council Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Early Nov 2010 (<i>1/6/2010</i>) Mid-Nov 2010 Late Jan 2011		
P1005 – Primary Production & Processing Standard for Meat & Meat Products	FSANZ	To examine the meat supply chain in Australia and develop a national food safety standard covering meat and meat products from farmed cattle, pigs, sheep and goats, harvested goats and rendered products. Farmed minor meat species, emu/ostrich meat and wild game animals will be addressed later.	N/A	10/3/2009	Commence Assessment (Start date)	Mid-March 2009	16/3/2009	Following the release of 2 nd Assessment Report.
					Completion of 1 st Assessment Public comment	Mid-Sept 2009 Late Sept-early Nov 2009	17/9/2009 23/9/2009-18/11/2009	
					Completion of 2 nd Assessment Public comment	Mid-June 2010 Late June-Late Aug 2010		
					Board to complete Approval (<i>Finish date</i>) Notification to Ministerial Council Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Early Nov 2010 (<i>16/3/2010</i>) Mid-Nov 2010 Late Jan 2011		

APPLICATION or PROPOSAL	Applicant or Initiator	Brief Description	Received	Admin Assess completed	Expected Timetable		Date completed	Consultation Opportunities
P1007 – Primary Production & Processing Requirements for Raw Milk Products	FSANZ	To address issues in relation to production and sale of raw milk products in Australia arising from inconsistent legislation currently applying to domestic and imported dairy products, applications to FSANZ to permit raw milk products and any public health and safety issues from consumption of raw milk products.	N/A	3/7/2008	Discussion Paper	Late July 2008	24/7/2008	Following the release of the 1 st and 2 nd Assessment Reports.
					Public comment	Early Aug-mid-Sept 2008	6/8/2008-17/9/2008	
					Commence Assessment (Start date)	Mid-July 2008	4/3/2009	
					Completion of 1 st Assessment	Early Dec 2009	3/12/2009	
					Public comment	Mid-Dec- Early Feb 2010	16/12/2009-24/2/2010	
					Completion of 2 nd Assessment	Mid-Sept 2010		
					Public comment	Late Sept- Late Nov 2010		
					Board to complete Approval (<i>Finish date</i>)	Late June 2011 (4/3/2010)		
					Notification to Ministerial Council	Early July 2011		
					Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Mid-Sept 2011		
A1029 – Food derived from Drought-tolerant Corn MON87460 (Paid)	Monsanto Australia Ltd	To seek permission for food derived from corn genetically modified to reduce yield loss under water-limited conditions.	10/6/2009	24/6/2009	Commence Assessment (Start date)	Early July 2009	30/6/2009	Following the release of the 1 st and 2 nd Assessment Reports.
					Completion of 1 st Assessment	Mid-Dec 2009	7/12/2009	
					Public comment	Mid-Dec 2009-early Feb 2010	16/12/2009-10/2/2010	
					Completion of 2 nd Assessment	Late March 2010		
					Public comment	Late March –late Apr 2010		
					Board to complete Approval (<i>Finish date</i>)	Mid-June 2010 (20/6/2010)		
					Notification to Ministerial Council	Late June 2010		
					Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Early Sept 2010		

APPLICATION or PROPOSAL	Applicant or Initiator	Brief Description	Received	Admin Assess completed	Expected Timetable		Date completed	Consultation Opportunities
A1034 – Advantame as a High Intensity Sweetener (Paid)	Ajinomoto Co Inc via Cantox & Biosearch Consulting	To approve Advantame for use in table top sugar substitutes and a range of powdered beverages including fruit drinks, milks and milk flavoured drinks, instant tea and coffee, and protein drinks.	18/8/2009	31/8/2009	Commence Assessment (Start date)	Late Sep 2009	25 September 2009	Following the release of 1 st and 2 nd Assessment Reports.
Completion of 1 st Assessment	Mid-June 2010							
Public comment	Late June- mid-Aug 2010							
Completion of 2 nd Assessment	Mid-Sept 2010							
Public comment	Late Sept- Late Oct 2010							
Board to complete Approval (<i>Finish date</i>)	Early March 2011 (27/09/2010)							
Notification to Ministerial Council	Mid-March 2011							
Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Late May 2011							

URGENT APPLICATIONS OR PROPOSALS

These applications and proposals are considered urgent under Division 4 of the FSANZ Act. Under these provisions, FSANZ is required to assess the variation to the Code within 12 months of the date of effect of the gazetted variation. FSANZ may then either re-affirm its original decision or prepare a proposal for a further variation or replacement variation.

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P1012 – Semi-dried Tomatoes & Ingredients - Traceability & Processing	FSANZ	To develop Australia only traceability and processing requirements for semi-dried tomatoes and related foods to protect public health and safety.	N/A	18/1/2010	Declaration of Urgency	Mid-Jan 2010	18/1/2010		
					Completion of Initial Consideration (incl draft standard)	Mid-Jan 2010			18/1/2010
					Public comment	Late Jan-early Feb 2010			21/1/2010-1/2/2010
					Board to approve	Early Feb 2010			
					Gazettal	Early Feb 2010			
					Standard assessed	Mid-May 2010			
					Public comment	late May-mid-July 2010			
Standard re-affirmed (Finish date)	Early Nov 2010								

APPLICATIONS AND PROPOSALS BEING REVIEWED

Applications and Proposals received from 1 October 2007 onwards for which the Ministerial Council has requested a review. These are listed separately as they are not subject to the same procedural and resourcing requirements as applications and proposals listed under the General, Minor and Major Procedures

APPLICATION or PROPOSAL	Applicant or Initiator	Brief Description	1 st Review Start (S) & Finish (F) Dates (1)	1 st Review Completed Start (S) & Finish (F) Dates (2)	2 nd Review Start (S) & Finish (F) Dates (1)	2 nd Review Completed Start (S) & Finish (F) Dates (2)	Post 2 nd Review Outcome	Consultation Opportunities
A1015 – Ethyl Lauroyl Arginate as a Food Additive Approved by Board 19/8/2009	Laboratorios Miret SA via Competitive Advantage	To approve lauric arginate as a preservative in a number of food groups to control food spoilage micro-organisms.	S 30/10/2009 F 30/1/2010					

(1) Start – Date Review requested, Finish – due date for completion of Review

(2) Start – Date Review completed by Board, Finish – date notified to Ministerial Council (Date response due)

FINALISED PROJECTS

Applications and proposals finalised from 1 July 2009–30 June 2010

APPLICATION or PROPOSAL	Applicant or Initiator	Brief Description	Final Consideration by Board	Outcome & Date
A1006 – Food derived from Herbicide-tolerant Soybean Line DP-356043-5	Pioneer Hi-Bred International Inc via SGA Solutions	To seek permission for food derived from soybean genetically modified to provide tolerance to the herbicides glyphosate and acetolactate-synthase inhibitors.	3/12/2009	Notified to the Ministerial Council 10/12/2009. Response due 8/2/2010.
A1010 – Amendment to Bentonite Specification	Arumpo Bentonite Pty Ltd	To approve a broader pH range in the specification for bentonite.		Withdrawn by Applicant 28/8/2009
A1016 – Ammonium Chloride as a Food Additive	International Flavours & Fragrances (Australia) Pty Ltd	To include Ammonium Chloride (INS 510) as a permitted food additive.		Withdrawn by Applicant 17/8/2009
A1018 – Food derived from High Oleic Oil Soybean Line DP-305423-1	Pioneer Hi-Bred International Inc via SGA Solutions	To seek permission for food derived from soybeans genetically modified to provide increased levels of monounsaturated (oleic) acid and decreased levels of polyunsaturated fatty acids (linoleic and linolenic) acid and, to a lesser extent, palmitic acid.	3/12/2009	Notified to the Ministerial Council 10/12/2009. Response due 8/2/2010.
A1031 – Amorphous Hydrophobic Silica as a Processing Aid	DSM Nutritional Products via Brooke-Taylor and Co Pty Ltd	To approve Amorphous Hydrophobic Silica as a processing aid.		Withdrawn by Applicant 29/10/2009/2009

APPLICATION or PROPOSAL	Applicant or Initiator	Brief Description	Final Consideration by Board	Outcome & Date
M1003 – Maximum Residue Limits (April, May, June, August 2008)	FSANZ	To amend maximum residue limits for a number of agricultural and veterinary chemicals.	19/8/2009	Gazetted 5/11/2009 (Amendment No. 113)

NOTES ABOUT PART 2 OF THE WORK PLAN

Information on applications received and proposals prepared by FSANZ prior to 1 October 2007 are listed as follows:

- **Group 1**
- **Group 2**
- **Group 3**
- **Applications and Proposals being reviewed**
- **Finalised Applications and Proposals**

Date received – This is the date on which FSANZ receives an application, or the date on which a potential proposal is ‘scoped’ by FSANZ in anticipation of proceeding.

Start & Finish Dates – For applications, FSANZ is required under the FSANZ Act to complete its assessment of applications within 12 months. For unpaid applications, the 12-month clock starts on the date an Initial Assessment is made. For paid applications, the clock starts on the date the fees for an Initial Assessment are received by FSANZ. FSANZ is able to extend the timeframe for up to 6 months, if it is not practicable for a decision to be made within the period.

For proposals, FSANZ does not have a statutory timeframe to complete its assessment. However, a 12-month clock, as for unpaid applications, has been used for planning purposes.

An estimated time for assessment to commence (based on calendar year quarters) is indicated. Once the clock starts, this date is amended to provide the actual start and final due dates.

Further Info – These applications are awaiting further information from the applicant and therefore the anticipated due date for finalisation cannot be accurately identified while the information is outstanding. Resources that may become available as a result of requests for further information will generally be diverted to work on other projects.

Fees – These cost-recovered applications have fees owing before FSANZ can continue to work on the assessment.

Work Plan Category – All applications and proposals are placed within a six-tier scale based on an estimate of the amount of work that will be required to complete that application or proposal. This estimate is used to determine FSANZ’s workload for the purposes of the Work Plan and determine the charge to be applied for paid applications.

Stage completed – A tick indicates the completion of the Initial Assessment or Draft Assessment. Once a Final Assessment is completed, the application or proposal is moved to the finalised projects table. If a review is requested by the Ministerial Council, the project is moved to the Review table.

s.36 (of the FSANZ Act as it existed prior to 1 October 2007) – The assessment process for these applications or proposals has been shortened as it was considered that omitting one round of public consultation would not have a significant adverse effect on the interests of anyone OR the application or proposal raised issues of only minor significance or complexity. A related process can be used if FSANZ considers that the part of the assessment would be a duplication of work already done, or a process already gone through, by another government agency in Australia or New Zealand.

GROUP 1

Applications and Proposals received prior to 1 October 2007 having health/safety considerations and/or consumer interest being progressed as a priority

APPLICATION or PROPOSAL	Applicant or Initiator	Date received	Brief Description	Start (S) & Finish (F) Dates	Work Plan Category	Stage completed		Expected Timetable	Consultation Opportunities
						IA	DA		
P235 – Review of Food-type Dietary Supplements	FSANZ	10/5/2001	To review food-type dietary supplements.	S 22/4/2002 F	> 900 hrs	✓		Unknown – on hold pending Ministerial Council advice	Following release of Draft Assessment Report.
P236 – Sports Foods	FSANZ	10/5/2001	To review sports foods.	S 2/8/2001 F	4	✓		Unknown – on hold pending Ministerial Council advice	Following release of Draft Assessment Report.
P242 – Foods for Special Medical Purposes	FSANZ	15/6/2001	To develop a Standard for foods permitted for special dietary and medical purposes.	S 20/9/2001 F 30/9/2004	5	✓	✓	Final Assessment to Board in early March 2010, followed by Ministerial Council consideration. If no review requested, Gazettal in mid-2010.	Consultation completed. At Final Assessment.
P274 – Labelling Minimum Age for Infant Foods	FSANZ	1/3/2003	To review the minimum age labelling of foods for infants. Standard 2.9.2 requires a label on an infant food to include a statement indicating the minimum age, expressed in numbers, of the infants for whom the food is recommended.	S 2/7/2003 F 8/12/2004	4	✓	✓	Unknown – On hold pending NHMRC review of infant feeding guidelines	Consultation completed. At Final Assessment
P282 – Primary Production & Processing Standard for Poultry Meat	FSANZ	19/8/2003	To develop a primary production and processing standard for poultry meat. The Standard will focus on food safety, be outcome-based, and will take into consideration the whole of the chain approach in developing measures to manage poultry meat safety.	S 13/5/2004 F 13/5/2005	> 900 hrs	✓	✓	Final Assessment to Board in early March 2010, followed by consideration by Ministerial Council. If no review requested, Gazettal to follow in mid-2010.	Consultation completed. At Final Assessment.
P290 – Food Safety Programs for Catering Operations to the General Public	FSANZ	10/2/2004	To amend Standard 3.2.1 to make food safety programs mandatory in catering operations serving food to the general public.	S 13/5/2004 F 13/5/2005	4	✓	✓	Unknown – on hold pending Ministerial Council advice	Consultation completed. At Final Assessment.

APPLICATION or PROPOSAL	Applicant or Initiator	Date received	Brief Description	Start (S) & Finish (F) Dates	Work Plan Category	Stage completed		Expected Timetable	Consultation Opportunities
						IA	DA		
P298 – Benzoate & Sulphite Permissions in Food	FSANZ	6/6/2005	To consider benzoate and sulphite permissions in all foods in response to findings of FSANZ's 21 st Australian Total Diet Survey, which found some population sub-groups in Australia consume amounts of benzoates and sulphites in excess of the Acceptable Daily Intake levels.	S 21/7/2005 F 21/7/2006	4	✓		Draft Assessment to Board in mid-June 2010. Final Assessment to FSANZ Board in early Dec 2010, followed by Ministerial Council consideration. If no review requested, Gazettal in early 2011.	Following release of Draft Assessment Report.
P301 – Primary Production & Processing Standard for Eggs & Egg Products	FSANZ	1/5/2006	To develop a Primary Production and Processing Standard for eggs and egg products which will apply in Australia only.	S 7/12/2006 F 7/12/2007	6 (2000 hrs)	✓	✓	Final Assessment to FSANZ Board in early Nov 2010, followed by Ministerial Council consideration. If no review requested, Gazettal in late 2010.	Consultation completed. At Final Assessment.

GROUP 2

Applications and Proposals received prior to 1 October 2007, and are scheduled for commencement in order of receipt. FSANZ has made a commitment to expend a set percentage of its annual budget in processing applications in this Group

APPLICATION or PROPOSAL	Applicant or Initiator	Date received	Brief Description	Start (S) & Finish (F) Dates	Work Plan Category	Stage completed		Expected Timetable	Consultation Opportunities
						IA	DA		
A514 – Raw Cow's Milk	Ms Liisa Archer	13/10/03	To allow the sale of raw cow's milk.	S 1 st Qtr 2005 F	4			Assessment indefinitely delayed – to be dealt with as part of P1007.	See Proposal P1007
A530 – Permission for English Farmhouse Cheddar made from Raw Milk	Fromagent	12/2/2004	To allow the importation and sale of the raw milk cheeses, Keens Farm Cheddar and Montgomery Cheddar	S 3 rd Qtr 2005 F	4			Assessment indefinitely delayed – to be dealt with as part of P1007.	See Proposal P1007
A531 – Use of Raw Milk in Cheese Production	Cheese Choice via Will Studd	16/2/2004	To enable the production and sale of any cheese made from unpasteurised milk.	S 3 rd Qtr 2005 F	5			Assessment indefinitely delayed – to be dealt with as part of P1007.	See Proposal P1007

APPLICATION or PROPOSAL	Applicant or Initiator	Date received	Brief Description	Start (S) & Finish (F) Dates	Work Plan Category	Stage completed		Expected Timetable	Consultation Opportunities
						IA	DA		
A576 – Labelling of Alcoholic Beverages with a Pregnancy Health Advisory Label	Alcohol Advisory Council of New Zealand	17/2/2006	To require a health advisory label on alcoholic beverage containers advising of the risks of consuming alcohol when planning to become pregnant and during pregnancy.	S 26/7/2007 F 28/1/2009	5	✓		Draft Assessment to Board in early March 2010. Final Assessment to Board in early March 2011, followed by Ministerial Council consideration. If no review requested, Gazettal in mid-2011.	Following release of Draft Assessment Report.
A603 – Red 3 Erythrosine as a Colouring for Icing	Golding Handcrafts	29/3/2007	To permit the use of Red 3 Erythrosine as a colouring for icing.	S 18/8/2008 F 25/3/2010	3	✓	✓	Draft Assessment to Board in early Dec 2009. Final Assessment to Board in late April 2010, followed by Ministerial Council consideration. If no review requested, Gazettal in mid-2010	Following release of Draft Assessment Report.
A613 – Definitions for Nutritive Substance & Nutritive Ingredient	Orafti	21/8/2007	To amend the definition of 'nutritive substance' and include a definition for 'nutritive ingredient' in Standard 1.1.1.	S 3 rd Qtr 2008 F	5			On hold pending advice from the Applicant following Gazettal of Proposal P306.	Following release of Initial and Draft Assessment Reports.

GROUP 3

Applications received prior to 1 October 2007 for which a fee has been paid. Where necessary, FSANZ will use funds received from applicants to acquire additional resources so that the processing of matters listed in Groups 1 and 2 of the Work Plan is not affected

APPLICATION or PROPOSAL	Applicant	Date received	Brief Description	Start (S) & Finish (F) Dates	Work Plan Category	Stage completed		Expected Timetable	Consultation Opportunities
						IA	DA		
A585 – Dimethyl Dicarbonate as a Processing Aid	Lanxess Deutschland GmbH	17/5/2006	To reclassify Dimethyl Dicarbonate from a food additive to a processing aid.	S 22/9/2006 F 1 st Qtr 2009 Fees	3	✓		On hold – awaiting fees	Following release of Draft Assessment Report.

APPLICATIONS AND PROPOSALS BEING REVIEWED

Applications and Proposals received prior to 1 October 2007, and for which the Ministerial Council has requested a review. These are listed separately as they are not subject to the same procedural and resourcing requirements as applications and proposals in Groups 1, 2 and 3

APPLICATION or PROPOSAL	Applicant or Initiator	Brief Description	1 st Review Start (S) & Finish (F) Dates (1)	1 st Review Completed Start (S) & Finish (F) Dates (2)	2 nd Review Start (S) & Finish (F) Dates (1)	2 nd Review Completed Start (S) & Finish (F) Dates (2)	Post 2 nd Review Outcome	Consultation Opportunities
P293 – Nutrition, Health & Related Claims FA approved by Board 26/3/2008	FSANZ	To implement the Ministerial Council's Policy Guideline, for the development of the regulatory framework for the management of nutrition, health and related claims.	S 6/6/2008 F 21/4/2011 <i>(extended from 8/9/2008)</i>					Consultation completed.

(1) Start – Date Review requested, Finish – due date for completion of Review

(2) Start – Date Review completed by Board, Finish – date notified to Ministerial Council (Date response due)

FINALISED PROJECTS

Applications and proposals finalised from 1 July 2009–30 June 2010

APPLICATION or PROPOSAL	Applicant or Initiator	Brief Description	Final Consideration by Board	Outcome & Date
A545 – Vegetarian Labelling	Peter McManus	To introduce labelling for vegetarians either by requiring manufacturers to state if their products contain animal by products or by labelling products as 'suitable for vegetarians' or 'not suitable for vegetarians'.	30/6/2009	Rejected.
A601 – Definition of 'Wine-based beverage'	Winemakers' Federation of Australia	To prescribe a definition for 'wine-based beverage' and to delete the current definition for 'wine product' in Standard 2.7.4.	3/12/2009	Rejected at Draft Assessment.
A604 – Phytosterols in Fruit Juice & Fruit Juice Drinks	Coca-Cola South Pacific Pty Ltd	To seek permission to add unesterified vegetable oil-derived phytosterols to fruit juices and fruit drinks (minimum 20% juice).		Withdrawn by Applicant 19/8/2009.
A614 – Food derived from Glyphosate-tolerant Cotton Event GHB614	Bayer CropScience	To approve food derived from cotton genetically modified to provide tolerance to the herbicide glyphosate.	4/12/2008 30/6/2009	1 st Review requested by Ministerial Council 9/2/2009. 2 nd Review not requested Gazetted 17/9/2009 (Amendment No. 112).

APPLICATION or PROPOSAL	Applicant or Initiator	Brief Description	Final Consideration by Board	Outcome & Date
A615 – Food derived from Insect-protected Cotton Line COT67B	Syngenta	To approve food derived from cotton genetically modified to provide resistance to Lepidopteran species.	4/12/2008 30/6/2009	1 st Review requested by Ministerial Council 9/2/2009. 2 nd Review not requested Gazetted 17/9/2009 (Amendment No. 112).