

**31 July 2015**

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**Administrative Assessment Report – Proposal P1039**

Microbiological Criteria for Infant Formula

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| **Brief Description of Proposal:**  To include food safety microbiological criteria for infant formula, aligning with international (Codex) standards. | | **Potentially affected Standard:**  Schedule 27 –Microbiological limits for foods |
| **Procedure:**  General  **Reasons why:**  This proposal proposes changes to current food regulatory measures to better align with international standards and current industry practice. | **Estimated total hours:**  Maximum 650 hours  **Reasons why:**  Small internal team with no formal risk assessment required, aligning with reputable international standards.  Requires minimal consultation with stakeholders given previous consultation under P1028 and Micro Review Consultation Paper where general support was provided by stakeholders. | **Provisional estimated start work:**  Late July 2015 |

***Decision***

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| **Proposal prepared**  **Date: 22 July 2015** |

***Consultation & assessment timeframe***

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| **Proposed length of public consultation period**  6 weeks  Targeted consultation will also be undertaken with infant formula manufacturers (represented by the Infant Nutrition Council) |
| **Proposed timeframe for assessment:**  Commence assessment (clock start) Late July 2015  Completion of assessment & preparation of draft food reg measure Mid-September 2015  Public comment Late Sept – mid-Nov 2015  Board to complete approval Early March 2016  Notification to Forum Mid-March 2016  Anticipated gazettal if no review requested Late May 2016 |