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**FOOD STANDARDS AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND
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FORTY- EIGHTH MEETING

Wednesday, 7 March 2012

Thursday, 8 March 2012

WELLINGTON

DRAFT MINUTES

In Attendance:

Ms Philippa Smith AM (Chair)
Mr Peter Boyden
Ms Jenni Mack
Dr Andrew McKenzie QSM
Dr Dave Roberts

Dr Michele Allan
Assoc Prof Stephen Corbett
Mr Steve McCutcheon
Mr Tony Nowell CNZM
Mr Neil Walker JP

Apologies:

Professor Katrine Baghurst
Dr Gardner Murray AO

Official Observer:

Dr Anne Astin PSM

FSANZ Observers:

Dr Andrew Bartholomaeus
Ms Jenny Hazelton
Mr Peter May
Ms Kerry Messner
Mr Dean Stockwell

Ms Melanie Fisher
Dr Leigh Henderson
Mr Dave Meier
Dr Utz Mueller

The meeting commenced with a closed session at 9.00am.

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ITEM D6 APPLICATION A1039 – LOW THC HEMP AS A FOOD

The Board was provided with a verbal report on the key issues arising from submissions to the Assessment Report for Application A1039 – Low THC Hemp as a Food. The Board noted a number of issues would require FSANZ to obtain additional information before it could make a final decision. In particular, the Board considered that more information would be required on the potential cost impact on food and law enforcement agencies, the potential for consumption of hemp foods to interfere with saliva THC testing results and whether industry could achieve lower THC levels in hemp foods than the maximum levels proposed in the Assessment Report.

In the light of this additional work, the Board expected that a final decision on this Application would not be possible in time for the COAG Legislative and Governance Forum on Food Regulation meeting in June. The Board asked FSANZ to bring forward a decision paper for its consideration at a face-to-face meeting of the Board later in 2012.

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