



GLOBAL ORGANIZATION FOR EPA AND DHA OMEGA-3S

May 26, 2016

Food Standards Australia New Zealand

Re: Consultation Paper – Proposal P1028 Infant Formula

To Whom It May Concern:

The Global Organization for EPA and DHA Omega-3s (GOED) is an association of processors, refiners, manufacturers, distributors, marketers, retailers and supporters of products containing Eicosapentaenoic Acid (EPA) and Docosahexaenoic Acid (DHA) omega-3 fatty acids. GOED's membership represents a broad range of businesses, from small entrepreneurs to multinational food companies. The Organization's objectives are to educate consumers about the health benefits of EPA & DHA and collaborate with government groups, the healthcare community and the industry on issues related to the long-chain omega-3s, while setting high standards for our business sector. As such, our members have a profound interest in ensuring that valuable information regarding the EPA and DHA content of foods is communicated to consumers in a meaningful and timely way. Thus said, we appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on Proposal P1028 Infant Formula.

**SD1; 4.4.3:** In contrast to FSANZ's position, GOED recommends a mandatory minimum amount of DHA similar to that recently implemented in the EU<sup>1</sup> per the recommendation of the European Food Safety Authority.<sup>2</sup>

Sincerely,

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VP, Regulatory & Scientific Affairs

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<sup>1</sup> COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2016/127 of 25 September 2015 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 609/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the specific compositional and information requirements for infant formula and follow-on formula and as regards requirements on information relating to infant and young child feeding <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ%3AL%3A2016%3A025%3AFULL>

<sup>2</sup> EFSA NDA Panel (EFSA Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies), 2014. Scientific Opinion on the essential composition of infant and follow-on formulae. EFSA Journal 2014;12(7);3760.

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