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PROPOSAL – ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENT

P1009	Date Administrative Assessment Completed (proposal prepared): 27 May 2010	
Title: Maximum Limits for Tutin in Honey		Potentially Affected Standard in the Code:
Brief Description of Proposal: To review the maximum limits for tutin in honey and comb honey before the expiry date of 31 March 2011.		1.4.1
Procedure: General Level 1 Reasons why: Risk analysis largely completed by RACS. A risk management strategy is already in place by NZFSA.	Cost Category (General Procedure): Up to 500 hours Reasons why: Involves an assessment of the risk to public health and safety of average complexity. Requires evaluation of limited toxicological data and a simple dietary intake assessment.	Estimated start work: May 2010

Other Comments or Relevant Matters:

Interim standard for tutin in honey and comb honey expires on 31 March 2011. Tutin is only present in New Zealand food (honey). New Zealand has a long history of managing tutin-induced toxicity in livestock and humans. FSANZ has been liaising with NZFSA in relation to the commissioning and analysis of further studies, to investigate the toxicity of tutin and related chemicals found in honey produced by bees which have collected honey dew excreted from vine hoppers that have fed on *Coriana arborea* (Tutu plant).

DECISION

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CONSULTATION & ASSESSMENT TIMEFRAME

<p>Consultation Strategy: Proposed length of public consultation period: 4 weeks General Procedure</p>	<p>Community Involvement Category: 1. Low intensity, narrower focus.</p>												
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