



Food Standards Work Plan –proposed standards development and variations to standards for applications and proposals

Information is current as of 4 September 2025.

The Food Standards Work Plan provides visibility on the progress of applications and proposals to develop standards or variations to standards in the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code. FSANZ is required to update this work plan at least every 3 months under the *Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991* (FSANZ Act).

Estimated and current timelines for consultation on applications and proposals are included in this work plan. When consultation begins, FSANZ provides public notification on the website. You can subscribe to receive FSANZ's Notification Circular which includes notices that are required to be given to the public, submitters and appropriate government agencies under the FSANZ Act, including calls for submissions.

Applications and proposals are placed on the work plan after they are publicly notified. Their details are updated as the application or proposal progresses through the standards development process. Under the FSANZ Act, applicants can choose to pay fees to bring forward the start of the assessment of their application. However, FSANZ's consideration of a paid application must not displace an unpaid application or proposal in the workplan.

If you have any questions about the work plan please contact the Standards Management Officer at standards.management@foodstandards.gov.au.

Refer to the notes at the end of the work plan for further details on the content of the work plan, including application and proposal processes.

Application	Administrative assessment	Stage in standards development process	Commencement date – estimated at administrative assessment	Current date – once assessment commences	Completion date	Comments
A1288: Thermolysin from <i>Anoxybacillus caldiproteolyticus</i> Rokko as a processing aid Applicant IFF Australia Pty Ltd Description To permit thermolysin from <i>Anoxybacillus caldiproteolyticus</i> Rokko as a processing aid for protein hydrolysis. Unpaid application	Application received 10/11/2023 Administrative assessment completed. Decision to accept application: 29/11/2023	Commence assessment (clock start)	Mid Dec 2024		18/12/2024	
		Call for submissions	Early Apr – Mid May 2025		22/5/2025-3/7/2025	
		Board to complete Approval	Mid Sep 2025			
		Statutory due date (for approval)	Not known until assessment start	18/09/2025		
		Notification to Food Ministers' Meeting	Late Sep 2025			
		Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Early Dec 2025			

Application	Administrative assessment	Stage in standards development process	Commencement date – estimated at administrative assessment	Current date – once assessment commences	Completion date	Comments
A1292 Phospholipase C from GM <i>Bacillus licheniformis</i> as a processing aid Applicant Novozymes Japan. Ltd. Description To permit Phospholipase C from GM <i>Bacillus licheniformis</i> as a processing aid in degumming of fats and oils. Unpaid application	Application received 2/01/2024 Administrative assessment completed. Decision to accept application: 23/01/2024	Commence assessment (clock start)	Late January 2025		24/3/2025	
		Call for submissions	Early June 2025		15/07/2025 – 28/08/2025	
		Board to complete Approval	Late October 2025	Mid December 2025		
		Statutory due date (for approval)	Not known until assessment start	24/12/2025		
		Notification to Food Ministers' Meeting	Early November 2025	Late December 2025		
		Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Mid January 2026	Early March 2026		

Application	Administrative assessment	Stage in standards development process	Commencement date – estimated at administrative assessment	Current date – once assessment commences	Completion date	Comments
A1293 Phosphoinositide PLC from GM <i>Bacillus licheniformis</i> as a processing aid Applicant Novozymes Japan Ltd. Description To permit Phosphoinositide PLC from GM <i>Bacillus licheniformis</i> as a processing aid in degumming of fats and oils. Unpaid application	Application received 2/01/2025 Administrative assessment completed. Decision to accept application: 23/01/2025	Commence assessment (clock start)	Late January 2025	Early April 2025	8/4/2025	
		Call for submissions		Mid August 2025	02/09/2025 – 30/09/2025	
		Board to complete Approval		Mid December 2025		
		Statutory due date (for approval)	Not known until assessment start	8/01/2026		
		Notification to Food Ministers' Meeting		Late December 2025		
		Anticipated gazettal if no review requested		Early March 2026		

Application	Administrative assessment	Stage in standards development process	Commencement date – estimated at administrative assessment	Current date – once assessment commences	Completion date	Comments
A1294 Moringa oleifera as a novel food Applicant Noosa Organica Pty Ltd. Description To permit the sale of <i>Moringa oleifera</i> leaf (fresh and dried), immature (green) pods and seed oil as food and food ingredients in Australia and New Zealand. Unpaid application	Application received 30/1/2025 Administrative assessment completed. Decision to accept application: 21/02/2025	Commence assessment (clock start)	Late Feb 2025		11/3/2025	
		Call for submissions	Late May 2025			
		Board to complete Approval	Late Nov 2025			
		Statutory due date (for approval)	Not known until assessment start	11/12/2025		
		Notification to Food Ministers' Meeting	Early Dec 2025			
		Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Mid Feb 2026			

Application	Administrative assessment	Stage in standards development process	Commencement date – estimated at administrative assessment	Current date – once assessment commences	Completion date	Comments
A1304 Endo-1,4-beta-xylanase from GM <i>Bacillus licheniformis</i> (gene donor: <i>Chryseobacterium cucumeris</i>) as a processing aid Applicant Novozymes Australia Pty Ltd Description: To permit endo-1,4-beta-xylanase from a genetically modified strain of <i>Bacillus licheniformis</i> to be used as a processing aid in the production of distilled alcohol and starch and gluten fractions. Unpaid application	Application received 4/06/2024 Administrative assessment completed. Decision to accept application: 25/06/2024	Commence assessment (clock start)	Late June 2025		30/07/2025	
		Call for submissions		Mid November – Late December 2025		
		Board to complete Approval		Late April 2026		
		Statutory due date (for approval)		30/04/2026		
		Notification to Food Ministers' Meeting		Mid May 2026		
		Anticipated gazettal if no review requested		Late July 2026		

Application	Administrative assessment	Stage in standards development process	Commencement date – estimated at administrative assessment	Current date – once assessment commences	Completion date	Comments
A1305 -Alpha-amylase (protein engineered) from GM <i>Bacillus licheniformis</i> as a processing aid Applicant Danisco Australia IFF Description: To permit alpha-amylase (protein engineered) from a genetically modified strain of <i>Bacillus licheniformis</i> to be used as a processing aid in carbohydrate processing to produce glucose syrups and other starch hydrolysates in potable alcohol production. Unpaid application	Application received 4/06/2024 Administrative assessment completed. Decision to accept application: 25/06/2024	Commence assessment (clock start)	Late July 2025		05/08/2025	
		Call for submissions		Mid November – Late December 2025		
		Board to complete Approval		Late April 2026		
		Statutory due date (for approval)		5/05/2026		
		Notification to Food Ministers' Meeting		Mid May 2026		
		Anticipated gazettal if no review requested		Late July 2026		

Application	Administrative assessment	Stage in standards development process	Commencement date – estimated at administrative assessment	Current date – once assessment commences	Completion date	Comments
A1315: Chitosan and (1,3)-beta-glucans from white button mushrooms (<i>Agaricus bisporus</i>) as a food additive Applicant Chinova Bioworks Inc Description The application seeks to permit the use of chitosan and beta-1,3-glucans from white button mushrooms (<i>Agaricus bisporus</i>) as a food additive in food and beverage products. Paid application	Application received 9/09/2024 Administrative assessment completed. Decision to accept application: 27/09/2024	Commence assessment (clock start)	Late Oct 2024		23/10/2024	
		Call for submissions	Early Feb – Mid Mar 2025		25/03/2025-6/05/2025	
		Board to complete Approval	Late Jun 2025		26/06/2025	
		Statutory due date (for approval)	Not known until assessment start	23/07/2025		
		Notification to Food Ministers' Meeting	Mid Jul 2025		3/07/2025	
		Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Late Sep 2025			

Application	Administrative assessment	Stage in standards development process	Commencement date – estimated at administrative assessment	Current date – once assessment commences	Completion date	Comments
A1318: Steviol glycosides produced by enzymatic conversion using enzymes produced by GM <i>Escherichia coli</i> BL21 Applicant Sichuan Ingia Biosynthetic Co., Ltd Description To seek approval for rebaudioside M (a steviol glycoside) produced by the enzymatic conversion method, using enzymes derived from genetically modified <i>Escherichia coli</i> BL21. Paid application	Application received 25/09/2024 Administrative assessment completed. Decision to accept application: 17/10/2024	Commence assessment (clock start)	Mid Nov 2024		12/11/2024	
		Call for submissions	Mid Feb – Late Mar 2025		8/04/2025-20/05/2025	
		Board to complete Approval	Early Aug 2025			
		Statutory due date (for approval)	Not known until assessment start	12/8/2025		
		Notification to Food Ministers' Meeting	Mid Aug 2025			
		Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Early Nov 2025			

Application	Administrative assessment	Stage in standards development process	Commencement date – estimated at administrative assessment	Current date – once assessment commences	Completion date	Comments
A1322: Extension of use of polyglycerol esters of interesterified ricinoleic acid in sauces and toppings Applicant Unilever Australia Limited Description To extend the use of the food additive emulsifier polyglycerol esters of interesterified ricinoleic acid to sauces and toppings. Paid application	Application received 2/12/2024 Administrative assessment completed. Decision to accept application: 20/12/2024	Commence assessment (clock start)	Late January 2026	Late January 2025	29/01/2025	Stop clock applied 28/03-20/06/2025.
		Call for submissions	Mid May – late June 2026	Early September – mid October 2025		
		Board to complete Approval	Late September 2026	Mid December 2025		
		Statutory due date (for approval)	Not known until assessment start	21/1/2025		
		Notification to Food Ministers' Meeting	Early October 2026	Late December 2025		
		Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Mid December 2026	Early February 2026		

Application	Administrative assessment	Stage in standards development process	Commencement date – estimated at administrative assessment	Current date – once assessment commences	Completion date	Comments
A1324: 3-fucosyllactose as a nutritive substance in infant formula products Applicant Glycom A/S Description To permit the voluntary addition of 3-fucosyllactose, a human-identical milk oligosaccharide, in infant formula products. The 3-fucosyllactose is produced using genetically modified Escherichia coli K-12. Paid application	Application received 20/12/2024. Administrative assessment completed. Decision to accept application: 16/01/2025	Commence assessment (clock start)	Early February 2025	Early February 2025	05/02/2025	
		Call for submissions	Early May – Mid June 2025	Early June - Mid July 2025	11/06/2025 – 23/07/2025	
		Board to complete Approval	Mid September 2025	Late October 2025		
		Statutory due date (for approval)	Not known until assessment start	5/11/2025		
		Notification to Food Ministers' Meeting	Late September 2025	Early November 2025		
		Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Early December 2025	Mid January 2026		

Application	Administrative assessment	Stage in standards development process	Commencement date – estimated at administrative assessment	Current date – once assessment commences	Completion date	Comments
A1328: Aminopeptidase from GM <i>Trichoderma reesei</i> as a processing aid Applicant Danisco Australia IFF Description The Applicant is seeking approval for aminopeptidase to be used as a processing aid in bakery applications. The enzyme is derived from a selected non-pathogenic, non-toxigenic strain of <i>Trichoderma reesei</i> , which is genetically modified to overexpress the aminopeptidase gene from <i>Aspergillus clavatus</i> . Paid application	Application received 25/02/2025 Administrative assessment completed. Decision to accept application: 17/03/2025	Commence assessment (clock start)	Mid March 2026		21/03/2025	
		Call for submissions	Early July 2026		08/07/2025 – 19/08/2025	
		Board to complete Approval	Early December 2026			
		Statutory due date (for approval)	Not known until assessment start	21/12/2025		
		Notification to Food Ministers' Meeting	Late December 2026			
		Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Early March 2027			

Application	Administrative assessment	Stage in standards development process	Commencement date – estimated at administrative assessment	Current date – once assessment commences	Completion date	Comments
A1329: Exclusion of Blacklip Rock Oysters from the maximum levels of cadmium in molluscs Applicant Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Northern Territory Government of Australia Description The application seeks an amendment to the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code (the Code) to exempt Blacklip Rock Oysters (<i>Saccostrea spathulata</i>) from the cadmium (Cd) maximum level (ML) of 2 mg/kg for molluscs. Paid application	Application received 1/04/2025 Administrative assessment completed. Decision to accept application: 17/04/2025	Commence assessment (clock start)	Late April 2026		8/05/2025	Stop clock applied 26/08 – 26/11/2025
		Call for submissions	Late July-Mid August 2026			
		Board to complete Approval	Early December 2026			
		Statutory due date (for approval)	Not known until assessment start	8/02/2026		
		Notification to Food Ministers' Meeting	Late January 2027			
		Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Early March 2027			

Application	Administrative assessment	Stage in standards development process	Commencement date – estimated at administrative assessment	Current date – once assessment commences	Completion date	Comments
A1332: Cross-linked polyester resins as an adsorbent processing aid in wine Applicant Amaea Limited Description To permit molecularly-imprinted polymers or MIPs (a type of cross-linked polyester resin) as an adsorbent agent processing aid in wine. Paid application	Application received 8/05/2025 Administrative assessment completed. Decision to accept application: 26/05/2025	Commence assessment (clock start)	Late August 2026		20/08/2025	
		Call for submissions		Mid December 2025 – Early February 2026		
		Board to complete Approval	Early April 2026	Late April 2026		
		Statutory due date (for approval)	Not known until assessment start	20/05/2026		
		Notification to Food Ministers' Meeting		Mid May 2026		
		Anticipated gazettal if no review requested		Early August 2026		

Application	Administrative assessment	Stage in standards development process	Commencement date – estimated at administrative assessment	Current date – once assessment commences	Completion date	Comments
A1333: Food derived from purple tomato lines containing event Del/Ros1-N Applicant Norfolk Healthy Produce Description To seek approval for food derived from tomato lines containing event <i>Del/Ros1-N</i> , genetically modified for purple fruit colour Paid application	Application received 16/05/2025 Administrative assessment completed. Decision to accept application: 5/06/2025	Commence assessment (clock start)	Early July 2025		13/06/2025	
		Call for submissions	Mid-August to Late September 2025		30/08/2025 – 10/09/2025	
		Board to complete Approval	Late October 2025			
		Statutory due date (for approval)	Not known until assessment start	13/03/2026		
		Notification to Food Ministers' Meeting	Mid November 2025			
		Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Late January 2026			

Application	Administrative assessment	Stage in standards development process	Commencement date – estimated at administrative assessment	Current date – once assessment commences	Completion date	Comments
A1334: 2'-FL from GM <i>Corynebacterium glutamicum</i> (gene donor: <i>Corynebacterium urelyticum</i>) in infant formula products Applicant Cataya Bio (Shanghai) Company Limited Description to permit a new genetically modified source of 2'-fucosyllactose in infant formula products. Paid application	Application received 3 June 2025 Administrative assessment completed. Decision to accept application: 25 June 2025	Commence assessment (clock start)	Late July 2025	Early July 2025	10/07/2025	
		Call for submissions	Early Dec 2025 – mid Jan 2026	Early Oct 2025 – mid Nov 2025		
		Board to complete Approval	Late April 2026	Mid March 2026		
		Statutory due date (for approval)	Not known until assessment start	10/04/2026		
		Notification to Food Ministers' Meeting	Mid May 2026	Late March 2026		
		Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Late July 2026	Mid June 2026		

Proposal	Administrative assessment	Stage in standards development process	Current date– once assessment commences	Completion date	Comments
P1010 Review of Formulated Supplementary Sports Foods Description To review Standard 2.9.4 – Formulated Supplementary Sports Foods (FSSF) of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code	Proposal prepared. Decision to prepare proposal: 14/06/2019	Commence assessment (clock start)	Mid Jun 2019	14/06/2019	Call for Data: - technical, toxicological and nutritional data 15/07/21 to 09/09/21. Consultation will be complemented by targeted consultation with key stakeholders.
		2023 Consultation Paper 1	Late Jan 2023	25/01/2023 – 09/03/2023	FSANZ has considered comments received in the consultation papers, which will inform the first formal CFS.
		2023 Consultation Paper 2	Late Jun 2023	31/07/2023 – 4/09/2023	
		1 st Call for submissions	TBC		Firm timing for release of the 1 st CFS is yet to be determined. FSANZ is cognisant of the interrelation of this work with Proposal P1056 – Caffeine Review.
		2 nd Call for submissions	TBC		
		Board to complete Approval	TBC		
		Notification to Food Ministers' Meeting	TBC		
		Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	TBC		

Proposal	Administrative assessment	Stage in standards development process	Current date– once assessment commences	Completion date	Comments
P1024 Revision of the Regulation of Nutritive Substances & Novel Foods Description To develop an alternative framework for the regulation of nutritive substances and novel foods in the Code.	Proposal prepared. Decision to prepare proposal: 13/12/2012	Commence assessment (clock start)	Mid Dec 2012	16/12/2012	On hold pending FSANZ Act review
		1 st Call for submissions	Mid Nov 2015 – late Feb 2016	04/12/2015 – 24/03/2016	
		2 nd Call for submissions	Early Jun – mid Jul 2017	16/06/2017 – 28/07/2017	
		Board to complete Approval	TBC		
		Notification to Food Ministers' Meeting	TBC		
		Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	TBC		

Proposal	Administrative assessment	Stage in standards development process	Current date– once assessment commences	Completion date	Comments
P1047 Review of regulatory nutrient reference values Description To review and update the regulatory nutrient reference values in the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code in light of the 2006 and 2017 Australia/New Zealand nutrient reference values.	Proposal prepared. Decision to prepare proposal: 28/03/2018	Commence assessment (clock start)	Late Aug 2018	28/03/2018	Progress delayed due to other priority work.
		Call for submissions	TBC		
		Board to complete Approval	TBC		
		Notification to Food Ministers' Meeting	TBC		
		Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	TBC		

Proposal	Administrative assessment	Stage in standards development process	Current date– once assessment commences	Completion date	Comments
P1056 Caffeine Review Description Review of permissions for caffeine in sports foods and general foods and consideration of the risk it poses to sensitive subpopulations.	Proposal prepared. Decision to prepare proposal: 14/12/2020	Commence assessment (clock start)	Early Jun 2021	01/06/2021	
		1 st Call for submissions	Mid Dec 2022	19/12/2022 – 13/02/2023	
		2 nd Call for submissions	Mid-late Feb 2025	04/03/2025 – 15/04/2025	
		Board to complete Approval	TBC		
		Notification to Food Ministers' Meeting	TBC		
		Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	TBC		

Proposal	Administrative assessment	Stage in standards development process	Current date – once assessment commences	Completion date	Comments
P1058 Nutrition labelling about added sugars Description To consider including added sugars information in the nutrition information panel.	Proposal prepared. Decision to prepare proposal: 14/04/2022	Commence Assessment (Clock start)	Mid Apr 2022	14/04/2022	
		Call for submissions	TBC		Consumer testing and research completed. Proposal on hold to progress a holistic review of the nutrition information panel.
		Board to complete Approval	TBC		
		Notification to FMM	TBC		
		Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	TBC		

Proposal	Administrative assessment	Stage in standards development process	Current date – once assessment commences	Completion date	Comments
P1060 Egg Food Safety & Primary Production Requirements Description To consider amending the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code to provide new and/or amended food safety and primary production requirements for eggs and egg products	Proposal prepared. Decision to prepare proposal: 20/05/2022	Commence assessment (clock start)	Late May 2022	20/05/2022	
		Call for submissions	1 st quarter 2025	31/03/2025-12/05/2025	
		Board to complete Approval	3 rd quarter 2025		
		Notification to Food Ministers' Meeting	3 rd quarter 2025		
		Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	3 rd quarter 2025		

Proposal	Administrative assessment	Stage in standards development process	Current date – once assessment commences	Completion date	Comments
P1066 Review of young child formula Description To revise and clarify Code provisions as they apply to young child formula (1-3 years) including regulatory definitions, composition, labelling and representation of products.	Proposal prepared. Decision to prepare proposal: 26/06/2025	Commence assessment (clock start)	Late June 2025	26/06/2025	
		1 st Call for submissions	April – June 2026		
		2 nd Call for submissions	February – April 2027		
		Board to complete Approval	Mid September 2027		
		Notification to Food Ministers' Meeting	Late September 2027		
		Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Early December 2027		

Proposal	Administrative assessment	Stage in standards development process	Current date – once assessment commences	Completion date	Comments
M1023 2024 MRL Harmonisation Proposal Description To consider varying maximum residue limits (MRLs) for residues of specific agricultural and veterinary (agvet) chemicals that may occur in food commodities.	Proposal prepared. Decision to prepare proposal: 19/05/2025	Commence assessment (clock start)	Mid May 2025	19/05/2025	
		Call for submissions	Early Nov - Early Jan 2026		
		Board to complete Approval	Early April 2026		
		Notification to Food Ministers' Meeting	Mid April 2026		
		Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Late June 2026		

Applications and proposals approved but not yet gazetted for period 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026

Application / Proposal	Applicant	Description	Date considered by FSANZ Board	Outcome
A1315 Chitosan and (1,3)-beta-glucans from white button mushrooms (<i>Agaricus bisporus</i>) as a food additive	Chinova Bioworks Inc	To permit the use of chitosan and beta-1,3-glucans from white button mushrooms (<i>Agaricus bisporus</i>) as a food additive in food and beverage products.	26/06/2025	Approved
A1318 Steviol glycosides produced by enzymatic conversion using enzymes produced by GM <i>Escherichia coli</i>	Sichuan Ingia Biosynthetic Co., Ltd	To seek approval for rebaudioside M (a steviol glycoside) produced by the enzymatic conversion method, using enzymes derived from genetically modified <i>Escherichia coli</i> BL21.	12/08/2025	Approved

Applications gazetted from 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026

Application / Proposal	Applicant	Description	Date gazetted
A1279 <i>Lentinula edodes</i> (Shiitake mushroom) mycelia as a processing aid	MycoTechnology Inc.	To permit <i>Lentinula edodes</i> mycelia for use as a processing aid in the fermentation of pea and rice protein to produce a protein ingredient to be added to various foods.	22/07/2025
A1307 Milk fat globule membrane as a nutritive substance in infant formula products	Arla Food Ingredients Group P/S	To permit the use of milk fat globule membrane enriched whey protein concentrate as a nutritive substance in infant formula products.	22/07/2025
A1308 2'-FL from GM <i>Escherichia coli</i> W in infant formula products	Kyowa Hakko Bio Co. Ltd	To permit a new genetically modified source organism <i>Escherichia coli</i> W for the production of 2'-fucosyllactose (2'-FL) in infant formula products	22/07/2025
A1310 Food derived from insect-protected soybean line MON94637	Bayer CropScience Pty Ltd	To seek approval for the sale and use of food derived from soybean line MON94637, genetically modified for protection from lepidopteran insect pests.	22/07/2025
A1311 Prolyl oligopeptidase from GM <i>Trichoderma reesei</i> as a processing aid	IFF Australia Pty Ltd (trading as Danisco Australia Pty Ltd)	To permit prolyl oligopeptidase from GM <i>Trichoderma reesei</i> for use as a processing aid in the production of brewed beverages.	22/07/2025
A1314 Permitting small dogs and cats in aircraft cabins	Virgin Australia Pty Ltd	To amend the Code to permit companion animals (small dogs and cats) to accompany their owners aboard airline cabins under controlled conditions.	13/08/2025
A1323 Food derived from insect-protected soybean line COR23134	Corteva Agriscience Australia Pty Ltd	To seek approval for the sale and use of food derived from soybean line COR23134, genetically modified for protection from lepidopteran insect pests	21/08/2025

Proposals gazetted from 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026

Proposal	Description	Date Gazetted
P1064 Australian only Infant Formula Product Standard	To insert annotations to the Code which reflect the New Zealand Government's decision to opt out of the revised Standard 2.9.1.	22/07/2025
P1049 Carbohydrate and sugar claims on alcoholic beverages	To clarify the Food Standards Code with respect to claims about carbohydrate content and the components of carbohydrate (such as sugar) in relation to alcoholic beverages	13/08/2025
P1059 Energy labelling on alcoholic beverages	To consider amending the Code to provide energy (kilojoule) labelling information on alcoholic beverages.	13/08/2025
P1055 Definitions for gene technology and new breeding techniques	To revise and update the definitions in the Code for 'food produced using gene technology' and 'gene technology to make them clearer and to better reflect existing and emerging genetic technologies' including new breeding techniques.	02/09/2025

Unpaid applications – assessment waiting to commence

Application	Applicant	Description	Anticipated commencement
A1306 Chitosan from <i>Agaricus bisporus</i> as a processing aid	AB Biotek	To permit a new source microorganism <i>Agaricus bisporus</i> for chitosan to be used as a processing aid for wine, beer, cider, spirits and other alcoholic beverages.	Mid Jul 2025
A1321 Acetolactate decarboxylase from GM <i>Bacillus licheniformis</i> as a processing aid	Novozymes Australia Pty Ltd	To permit acetolactate decarboxylase from a genetically modified strain of <i>Bacillus licheniformis</i> to be used as a processing aid in brewing processes and other cereal based beverage processes and beverage alcohol (distilling) processes.	Mid Nov 2025
A1325 Extension of use of steviol glycosides in hotplate flour products	George Weston Foods Limited	To extend the use of the food additive sweetener steviol glycosides to flour products (crumpets, pikelets and pancakes) that are produced on a hotplate.	Early Feb 2026
A1326 Addition of phytosterols, phytostanols or their esters as a novel food to bread and bread products	George Weston Foods Limited trading as Tip Top Bakeries	To seek approval for the addition of phytosterols, phytostanols or their esters as a novel food to bread and bread products.	Mid Feb 2026
A1336 2'-FL from GM <i>Escherichia coli</i> BL21 in infant formula products	Synaura Biotechnology (Shanghai) Co., Ltd	To permit a new genetically modified source of <i>Escherichia coli</i> BL21 (DE3) for the production of 2'-fucosyllactose (2'-FL) for use as a nutritive substance in infant formula products.	Mid July 2026

Applications and proposals withdrawn, rejected or abandoned from 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026

Application / Proposal	Applicant	Description	Date publicly notified

Notes – application and proposal work plan details

Application or Proposal – Applications are formal requests to amend the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code (the Code). Proposals are prepared by FSANZ to consider amendments to the Code. Each application or proposal is allocated a sequential identification number. Applications commence with an 'A' whilst proposals commence with either a 'P' or 'M' (maximum residue limits).

Description – General description of the purpose of the application or proposal.

Urgent applications or proposals – Section 95 applications and proposals can be declared 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.

Procedure – the procedure that applies to an application or proposal is determined at the administrative assessment stage and is based on the estimated maximum number of hours to complete the assessment for an application or proposal. See Part 2, 2.2.5 – 2.2.7 of the [Application Handbook](#) for further details on each of the procedures.

Paid applications – Fees are payable if an application confers an exclusive capturable commercial benefit (ECCB), or to expedite the assessment. There is a waiting time of approximately 12 months for FSANZ to commence assessment of an unpaid application. See Part 2, 2.1.5 of the [Application Handbook](#) for further details on fees, payment of fees and amounts for each of the procedures.

Date received – The date FSANZ received the application. FSANZ then has 15 business days to make an administrative assessment of the application. This assessment determines whether an application meets the requirements set out in Part 3 of the Application Handbook and the procedure under which it should be assessed. If the application is accepted and following public notification, it is then placed on this Work Plan. This administrative assessment also determines the timetable for consideration of the application.

Administrative assessment completed – The date that the administrative assessment is completed, and a decision is made whether to accept the application. If the application is rejected or the applicant chooses to withdraw their application during the administrative assessment stage, it is not publicly notified. Only applications that are accepted and proposals that are prepared following the administrative assessment are publicly notified. If an application is rejected or withdrawn during the administrative assessment this does not prevent the applicant re-lodging the application at a later date. An administrative assessment is also completed for proposals.

Clock start and finish dates – Under the FSANZ Act, the FSANZ Board is required to make a decision on applications either within 9 months (general level or high level health claim variation procedures), 3 months (minor procedure) or 12 months (major procedure). For applications the statutory due date is indicated in this work plan once assessment commences.

Dates for key stages in the application and proposal process

- Commencement date of each stage - estimated at administrative assessment – this includes the timelines for key stages in the standard setting process estimated during the administrative assessment. These timeframes can vary for reasons such as resourcing, unforeseen complexity of the assessment, requests for further information from the applicant, delays in payments etc.
- Current date for each stage – once assessment commences – these are the projected timelines that are followed once the assessment begins (clock start). These can also change as the application or proposals progresses for the same reasons listed above for estimated timelines
- Completion date of each stage - as each stage is completed the actual date(s) is included.

For estimated and current dates, early refers to the first 10 days in the month, mid refers to the second 10 days and late refer to the following and vary depending on the number of days in the month is from the 21st until the end of the month.

Applications and proposals approved – these are the applications and proposals for which the draft variations is have been approved by the FSANZ Board, publicly notified and are awaiting consideration by Food Ministers.

Applications and proposals gazetted – these are applications and proposals for which Food Ministers have not sought a review and have been publicly notification and gazetted.

Applications and proposals under review – these are applications and proposals under review following a request from the Food Ministers. These are listed separately to other applications and proposals undergoing assessment as they are not subject to the same requirements.

Applications and proposals withdrawn, rejected, abandoned – these are applications and proposals that, following public notification, have been withdrawn, rejected or abandoned under the FSANZ Act.