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Administrative Assessment Report – Application A1360

Mannanase from *Aspergillus niger* (gene donor: *Evansstolkia leycettanus*) for use as a processing aid

1. Application details

Date received: 13 July 2026		
Date due for completion of administrative assessment: 3 August 2026		
Date completed: 29 July 2026		
Applicant: Chr. Hansen Pty Ltd		Potentially affected: Schedule 18
Brief description of application: To permit mannanase from <i>Aspergillus niger</i> (gene donor: <i>Evansstolkia leycettanus</i>) as a processing aid in coffee processing.		
Procedure: General Level 1	Maximum total variable hours: 180 hours Reasons why: The application requires a food safety and public health risk assessment of minor complexity.	Estimated start date for assessment: August 2027

2. Decision

Application accepted Decision Date: 29 July 2026

3. Consultation & assessment timeframe

Proposed notification date: 3 September 2026 Proposed length of public consultation period: 6 weeks	
Proposed timeframe for assessment <u>General:</u>	
Commence assessment (clock start)	Early August 2027
Public comment	Early December 2027
Board to consider approval	Late April 2028
Notification to Food Ministers' Meeting (FMM)	Early May 2028
Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Mid June 2028