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Administrative Assessment Report – Application A1365

Chitosan from *Agaricus bisporus* for use as a food additive

1. Application details

Date received: 10 August 2026		
Date due for completion of administrative assessment: 31 August 2026		
Date completed: 26 August 2026		
Applicant: Chinova Bioworks Inc.		Potentially affected Schedule: 15
Brief description of application: To amend Schedule 15 of the Code to permit chitosan from white button mushroom (<i>Agaricus bisporus</i>) in additional food categories that do not have permissions for additives permitted at Good Manufacturing Practice.		
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: September 2026

2. Decision

Application accepted Decision Date: 26/08/2026 If fees for ECCB are not received, date of rejection: 25 September 2026

3. Consultation & assessment timeframe

Proposed length of public consultation periods: 6 weeks Anticipated notification date: 1 October 2026	
Proposed timeframe for assessment	
Commence assessment (clock start)	Late September 2026
Public comment	Late January 2027
Board to consider approval	Late June 2027
Notification to Food Ministers' Meeting (FMM)	Early August 2027
Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Mid October 2027