

**Submission in Support of Changing the ANZ Food Standards Code  
to allow hemp seed and hemp seed oil for human consumption**

Re: Application A1039

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I support Option 2B (page 22) being the basis for the changes to the Code.

Re: Eliminate confusion and contamination

Selling only hulled hemp seeds, hemp seed products and hemp oil will eliminate the potential to sell high THC seeds under the guise of low or nil THC seeds, and will reduce policing costs. Dehulled hemp seeds are likely to have zero THC, not just low THC, because the source of contamination (pieces of calyx stuck to the hull/shell) has been removed. I have been told by hemp seed/oil importer that in Canada several of the hemp seed producers have issued a voluntary zero THC pledge for their hemp seeds and products.

Re: Transportation

Whole hemp seeds are currently transported from Australian and New Zealand farms to oil extraction processing plants without any problems, as the farmers are licensed and industrial hemp is well regulated.

Re: Marketing

To avoid confusion between the psychoactive cannabis plant and the low/nil THC industrial hemp plant and its products, the use of the cannabis leaf in marketing the hemp seed and oil could be banned. As industrial hemp products come from the seed and the stalk, not from the leaf, this would be an example of "truth in advertising" and would avoid confusion between the two types of plants. It would also remove the "drug stigma" that I and others feel is attached to the use of the leaf in marketing industrial hemp, and would broaden the acceptability and marketability of hemp seeds and hemp oil products.

Re: Education

Education would be an important component to highlight the nutritional benefits and counter any mis-information about industrial hemp seed foods. This could be easily accomplished through fact sheets that are distributed through the retail food outlets that sell the hemp seed and oil products, as well as official websites associated with nutrition and health.