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## **A1142 – Addition of a prescribed method of analysis for resistant starch**

The Australian Food and Grocery Council (AFGC) makes this submission in response to Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) call for submissions on *Application A1142 - Addition of a prescribed method of analysis for resistant starch* (the Application).

The AFGC **supports** the FSANZ proposal to amend section S11—4 of the Code to include AOAC 2002.02 as a new method of analysis (MoA), specifically for resistant starch (RS) because prescribing this MoA in the Code would -

- provide an internationally recognised, accurate and reliable basis for measuring the amount of RS in foods and for declaring that amount as dietary fibre in the nutrition information panel;
- enable RS to be identified and declared as a specific dietary fibre on a label; and
- enable the RS content to be included in the total dietary fibre value and therefore increase the amount of dietary fibre declared on a label.

The AFGC notes that, as the inclusion of RS in dietary fibre declarations is to be optional, any additional costs of analysing RS would be at the discretion of the food manufacturer or brand owner.

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