

Comments from Victorian Departments of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources, and Health and Human Services

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The Victorian Departments of Health and Human Services and Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (the departments) welcome the opportunity to provide comments on Application A1161 – Potassium Polyaspartate as a food additive in wine.

Application A1161 proposes to amend the *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code* (the Code) to permit the use of potassium polyaspartate as a food additive in wine at a maximum permitted level of 100 mg/L.

From Food Standards Australia New Zealand's assessment report it is understood that:

- The applicant seeks to add potassium polyaspartate to Schedule 15 of the Code to permit it to be used as a food additive in wine with the technological purpose of a stabiliser.
- Potassium polyaspartate stabilises wine products by preventing the growth of potassium bitartrate crystals.
- The Code does not currently permit the use of potassium polyaspartate as a food additive in wine.
- The European Union permits potassium polyaspartate as a stabiliser in wine at levels of no more than 100 mg/L. Potassium polyaspartate is not yet permitted as a food additive in the Codex Alimentarius general standards for food additives.
- Food Standards Australia New Zealand's risk assessment has concluded that there are no safety risks from the use of potassium polyaspartate as a food additive in wine.

On the basis of this understanding, the departments support the progression of the Application A1161.