

**2 July 2018**

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**Administrative Assessment Report – Application A1166**

Reduction in minimum alcohol percentage for spirits using the geographical indication ‘Tequila’

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| **Date received:** 6 June 2018**Date due for completion of administrative assessment:** 28 June 2018**Date completed:** 25 June 2018 |
| **Applicant:** Spirits New Zealand Inc.Application prepared by Robert Brewer (Spirits NZ Inc), John Barker (John Barker Law, Consultant) | **Potentially affected standards:** Standard 2.7.5 |
| **Brief description of Application:**To lower the minimum alcohol percentage by volume for spirits using the Tequila geographical indication (GI). |
| **Procedure:** General level 1**Reason why:**Simple application to resolve a discrepancy for products legally entitled to use the Tequila GI | **Estimated total hours:** Approx. 350 hours | **Provisional estimated start work:** Late Jan 19  |

***Decision***

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| **Application accepted****Date: 25 June 2018** |

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| **Has the Applicant requested confidential commercial information status?** No ✔ |

***Charges***

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| **Does FSANZ consider that the application confers an exclusive capturable commercial benefit on the Applicant?**No ✔ |
| **Does the Applicant want to expedite consideration of this Application?**No ✔ - have confirmed this will not be a paid application  |

***Application Handbook requirements***

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| **Which Guidelines within the Part 3 of the *Application Handbook* apply to this Application?**3.1.1 General requirements, 3.2.1 General food labelling, 3.6.1 Standardised Foods **Is the checklist completed?**Yes ✔ **Does the Application meet the requirements of the relevant Guidelines?** Yes ✔  |
| **Does the Application relate to a matter that may be developed as a food regulatory measure, or that warrants a variation of a food regulatory measure?**Yes ✔  |
| **Is the Application so similar to a previous application or proposal for the development or variation of a food regulatory measure that it ought not to be accepted?**No ✔ |
| **Did the Applicant identify the Procedure that, in their view, applies to the consideration of this Application?**Yes ✔ **If yes, indicate which Procedure:** General level 1.  |
| **Other Comments or Relevant Matters:**Nil  |

***Consultation & assessment timeframe***

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| **Proposed length of public consultation period:** 6 weeks |
| **Proposed timeframe for assessment:**Commence assessment (clock start) Late Jan 2019Completion of assessment & preparation of draft food reg measure Late April 2019Public comment Early May – Mid JuneBoard to complete approval Mid Sept 2019Notification to Forum Late Sept 2019Anticipated gazettal if no review requested Late Nov 2019 |