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Administrative Assessment Report – Application A1166

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

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

Decision

<p>Application accepted</p> <p>Date: 25 June 2018</p>

Has the Applicant requested confidential commercial information status?

No ✓

Charges

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

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

Proposed length of public consultation period:

6 weeks

Proposed timeframe for assessment:

Commence assessment (clock start)	Late Jan 2019
Completion of assessment & preparation of draft food reg measure	Late April 2019
Public comment	Early May – Mid June
Board to complete approval	Mid Sept 2019
Notification to Forum	Late Sept 2019
Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Late Nov 2019