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### **FSANZ: Applications and Submissions - Submission**

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- 1. Assessment Report Number:** P1016
- 2. Assessment Report Title:** Hydrocyanic acid in Apricot Kernels and Other Foods
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- 12. Submission Text:** Submission re P1016 Hydrocyanic acid in Apricot Kernels and Other Foods This identical issue was raised by NSW at the FSANZ chaired Technical Advisory Group (TAG) in April 2004. FSANZ made various undertakings and TAG agreed to postpone discussion until the relevant information from FSANZ was available. TAG was not advised that the time scale would in excess of ten years. With respect to the proposed amendments, there seem some potential difficulties. 1. What constitutes "raw"? It may be that mildly blanched kernels are arguably not raw, however the HCN content may still be of concern. The public may be better protected by the implementation of a permitted maximum, raw or otherwise. 2. Subclause (3) appears to allow the sale of confectionery in the form of sugar coated raw apricot kernels, contrary to the apparent intent of the variation. 3. Subclause (3) also appears to allow any substance derived from raw kernels, including an extract high in HCN, to be added to a range of foods, which rather seems to defeat the purpose of the amendment.

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