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SUBMISSION ON PROPOSAL P 1026 – LUPIN AS AN ALLERGEN

The Department of Agriculture and Food, Western Australia welcomes the opportunity to provide comment on Proposal P1026, a proposal to consider the allergen labelling of lupin under the *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code* (the Code). It would also like to acknowledge the work undertaken by Food Standards Australia New Zealand in developing proposal P1026.

The Department is aware that lupin based products may trigger an allergic reaction in a small percentage of the population and that some people who are allergic to peanuts may also react to lupin.

In considering the options presented for consideration to manage the risk to those individuals who may have lupin sensitivity, only one option was considered to address the issues of public health and safety and further development of the lupin food industry.

To make labels more helpful to allergy sufferers, Australian food companies have increasingly adopted voluntary allergen labelling for lupin based products. Mandatory labelling would provide clarity for the lupin food industry and provide clear guidance through all levels of the supply chain.

Therefore, Option 3 to require inclusion of mandatory allergen declaration labelling of lupin and lupin derived products in the Code is strongly supported by the Department. It is considered the only option that would address the issues of public health and safety and industry development. This option would also ensure that domestic and imported lupin based products provide consumers with the information they require to make informed decisions.

Thank you for considering the above comments. Should you require clarification on any of the points raised, please do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED]
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Yours sincerely

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