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Dear Project Manager

Re: Proposal P236 – Development of Joint Food Regulations for Sports Foods

The Confectionery Manufacturers of Australasia Limited (CMA), which represents some 240 confectionery manufacturing, supplier and wholesaler/distributor members in Australia and New Zealand, wishes to express its interest in the review of food regulation for sports foods in Australia and New Zealand.

The CMA's particular interest is in ensuring that food manufacturers and marketers on both sides of the Tasman operate on a level playing field and that the barriers to trade minimised. Sports foods is a market growth area and the same opportunities available to Australian and New Zealand manufacturers needs to be assured. The CMA therefore supports the harmonisation of regulations pertaining to sports foods in Australia and New Zealand, given the increased flexibilities available to New Zealand businesses and inequity of trade that disadvantages Australian businesses due to inconsistencies in food law and Trans Tasman Mutual Recognition Arrangement (TTMRA) that benefits New Zealand.

Options for Regulations

For the reasons discussed above, the CMA supports **Option 2** : for revised labelling and compositional regulatory provisions for sports foods within Volume 2 of the joint Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code; to proceed with the New Zealand Ministry of Health proposal to exclude food from the scope of the New Zealand Dietary Supplement Regulations; and ultimately repeal existing provisions of Volume 1 and the New Zealand Food Regulations.

Yours sincerely



Operations Director